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Bombing trial told of IRA death diary

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

A Provisional IRA plan to create bloodshed and havoc in London and 12 resorts last summer was revealed by a "bombing calendar" discovered when police raided a Glasgow flat, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

In a basement nearby, police uncovered six days later "one of the most significant and deadly collections of terrorist material ever found in this country", the court was told. One expert estimated there was enough material for at least 24 bombs.

The results of the raids last June were described yesterday on the second day of the trial of the Belfast man accused of bombing the Grand Hotel, Brighton, in 1984 on the last night of the Conservative Party conference.

On Tuesday, Mr Patrick Joseph Magee, pleaded not guilty to seven charges connected with the Brighton bombing - including five counts of murder. He and four others pleaded not guilty to conspiring to cause explosions last year between January and June.

Yesterday Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said the five, three men and two women, were arrested at the Glasgow flat on June 22. The raid revealed "an outrageous plot to place 16 bombs - each with either a 24 or 48-day delay - in this country to explode on consecutive days, except Sundays, between July 19 and August 5 last year".

Mr Amlot said the bombing plan was "the work of Provisional IRA. No doubt the object was to create havoc and bloodshed throughout the country".

Four bombs were destined for targets in London and the other 12 were allegedly intended for Brighton, Dover, Ramsgate, Blackpool, Eastbourne, Bournemouth, Torquay, Great Yarmouth, Folkestone, Margate, Southend and Southampton.

After the blast at the Grand Hotel police could not trace a man called Roy Walsh who stayed in Room 629, the seat of the bomb, the month before the Conservative Party conference. They found his London address was false.

He stayed in the hotel with a second unknown person, paid in cash and was discreet. On the last night in Room 629 Mr Walsh ordered a bottle of vodka and soft drinks.

In early June 1985 a Mr T Morton stayed in Room 112 at the Rubens Hotel. This was the room where the bomb was found, and Mr Morton's address proved to be false too.

When Mr Magee was arrested, his fingerprints and part of a palm print was found on the registration card for Mr Walsh at the Brighton Hotel, Mr Amlot said. A handwriting expert believed the writing on the registration card was similar to Mr Magee's handwriting.

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During the raid on the Glasgow flat, Mr Amlot said police found a money belt worn by one of the defendants which contained what he called a "bombing programme, calendar". It included details of the type of bomb, targets, planned dates of the explosions, timings and the use of booby-traps.

The belt was worn by Mr Gerard McDonnell, the court was told. When police made their raid Mr McDonnell had a loaded Browning automatic pistol in the waistband of his trousers.

Mr Amlot said the calendar was "deadly accurate" because the day after the raid police in London found the first of the bombs, planted by Mr Magee, as suggested by the calendar.

A bomb of 3½lbs of explosive had been left in a room at

the Rubens Hotel opposite the news of Buckingham Palace in Victoria. It included a booby-trap device and had been left in a bedside cabinet, which had to be unscrewed. It was due to explode at 1pm on July 29.

When the cellar was searched six days after the raid at the Glasgow flat, other devices were found in preparation. Mr Amlot said nine months after the bombing at Brighton Mr Magee was using the same modus operandi to place a bomb.



Losing smile from Mr Scargill yesterday as he leaves the High Court in Manchester.

Scargill to pay 6-figure costs

By Peter Davport

Mr Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, faces costs running to six figures after losing his action against the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire for wrongful imprisonment.

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Building societies to offer personal pension schemes

By Lawrence Lever

Building societies are to be allowed to provide personal pension plans to the public. Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury said yesterday.

The announcement, contained in a parliamentary written answer, was welcomed by the Building Societies Association and building society chiefs yesterday. It will open up a new multi-million pound market for the building society industry, and lead to widespread recruitment by societies of fund-management expertise.

Mr Stewart said that building societies would be given "a power to invest in a subsidiary of associated company established for the sole purpose of making provision for pensions on a money purchase basis."

In addition, he said that the subsidiary would need to operate as a unit trust authorized under the financial services legislation.

The personal pension plan regime is contained in the Social Security Bill, pioneered by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, is not scheduled to become law until 1988.

The structure proposed yesterday by Mr Stewart makes it clear that societies will not be underwriting or insuring the pension funds, although they will be providing the fund-management services.

Societies will be able to invest a proportion of their funds in their own fixed-interest accounts, although there are likely to be limits on the exact proportion.

A spokesman for the Building Societies Association said yesterday: "We warmly welcome the Government's announcement. It will allow us to offer a competitive service to the public."

● A warning to building societies not to lend money recklessly to home-owners was given by Mr Roy Cox, Chairman of the Building Societies Association yesterday.

Mr Cox said that building societies had promised home loans worth a total of £3 billion last month - a record.

At the BSA annual conference in Bournemouth, Mr Cox said that imprudent lending would lead to increased levels of mortgage arrears and encourage borrowers to overstretch themselves.

"For many years building societies effectively had a choice of creditworthy applicants seeking to purchase properties which represented good security to lend on. Now they are having to work hard to obtain an adequate volume of sound business. It is a natural temptation to relax lending standards in order to obtain the desired volume of business, and societies do need to tread very cautiously in this area," he said.

The Chernobyl disaster

Double checks on radiation as unease spreads

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet authorities yesterday gave the first hint of the magnitude of the costly decontamination programme now being carried out in a wide area of the Ukraine around the stricken and still leaking nuclear reactor at Chernobyl.

The area has been declared prohibited territory to all foreign journalists and diplomats, but a report from two special Tass correspondents said that all roads in the region were now being washed down regularly by a special fleet of lorries.

They said that radiation-control check-points had been established at all major crossroads and that local radio had been instructed to break its earlier silence and carry regular reports on radiation levels.

The account, the fullest yet released by the agency, came amid growing indications of unease among ordinary Soviet citizens, who are only now beginning to appreciate the seriousness of the disaster.

The report said that double radiation checks were now being made on all local produce, but also claimed that livestock evacuated from the high-risk exclusion zone extending 18 miles from the reactor were still being tended rather than put down.

Despite its propagandist tone, the report said that "the situation remains disquieting".

Earlier, despite the official Tass claim of "calm, confident and full-blooded life" continuing in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev after the broadcast of the first public health warnings, French students contacted from Moscow said that pregnant women were being evacuated from the city some 60 miles from the damaged reactor, and that young Soviet children were being urged to stay indoors.

Yesterday morning at the busy Kiev railway station near the centre of Moscow, three trains which arrived from the Ukrainian capital were all packed with unaccompanied children, which one Westerner estimated was 70 per cent of the passengers disembarking.

In an interview with the communist party paper *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, Mr Grigoriy Rivenko, the Kiev region Communist Party leader admitted yesterday for the first time that some Soviet workers in Chernobyl had shirked their responsibility in tackling the disaster, which occurred in the early hours of April 26.

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Claiming that it was not enough to give out only optimistic information - which until now has been the official party line - Mr Rivenko added: "You cannot hide a sin: individual workers were found who in the difficult conditions, did not display the necessary steadfastness and willingness to be at the front line."

His frank remarks to the paper, which has been in the vanguard of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's recently discredited campaign for more open reporting in the Soviet media, jarred glaringly with Tass, whose simultaneous despatch from the Ukraine boasted that there had been no deserters.

In the interview - which caused great interest among Muscovites who had previously received only carefully sanitized official accounts of the emergency - Mr Rivenko also acknowledged that there had been problems with the evacuation, which was unexpectedly delayed for some 36 hours.

Radioactive cloud may return to Scotland

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

More radioactive material may fall on Scotland in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, the National Radiological Protection Board said yesterday. The Scottish Office said radioactivity in some Scottish milk was the highest ever recorded, but far below risk levels.

More than 100 anxious callers an hour telephoned a special inquiry unit set up in Edinburgh as ministers hastened to set up similar units in London.

Dr Roger Clarke, secretary of the protection board, said: "The meteorological office say that some of the activity might be swept back over Scotland with rain."

He calculated the chances of suffering from cancer as a direct result of the radiation as slightly less than one in a million in England and slightly more in Scotland.

Levels of radioactive caesium in milk were still rising in some northern areas "as we would expect", Dr Clarke went on.

Environmental campaigners called on the Government yesterday to issue daily information bulletins instead of the present "patchy, confusing shambles".

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Taking the strain

British Rail's commuter buff, in training to improve the network

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was not won yesterday, so today there is £3,000 to be won. Portfolio list, page 24; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

Airport strike

Manchester airport was set to be plunged into chaos from midnight last night as members of the Transport and General Workers Union decided on a 24-hour strike.

New president

Colin Cowdery, the former England cricket captain, is to be president of MCC in their bicentenary year, 1987. Page 38

A new breed of managers who know how to lead will ensure that Europe will achieve industrial success once again, says the company consultant Nick Thornely in an introduction to today's nine-page General Appointments section. Pages 27 to 35

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Government faces biggest poll test

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The Government today faces its biggest test of electoral opinion before the next General Election with about two-thirds of Britain's electors having the opportunity to vote in local elections and two vital parliamentary by-elections.

It is bracing itself for losses to both the Labour Party and the Alliance in the elections to do-over boroughs, 165 English and Welsh district councils and 12 Scottish regions and island councils, where it is defending many of the seats won in 1982 when the Falklands factor undoubtedly benefited the Conservative Party.

In addition, the Inner London Education Authority will be directly elected for the first time.

But it is the outcome of the parliamentary contests in West Derbyshire and Ryedale, North Yorkshire, where the Government is defending a majority of 15,000 and 16,000, which will have a more decisive impact on the pattern of politics and the Government's approach in the run-up to the next election.

Defeat in either of the Alliance could send shivers through the Conservative parliamentary party and lead to calls for reconsideration of the whole campaigning strategy of the party machine, under Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman.

Mr Tebbit is under attack in some senior quarters of the Tory Party for adopting an over-abrasive approach which deters middle-of-the-road voters and success for the Alliance would intensify those doubts.

Avoidance of defeat, however, would offer large consolation for what the Tories regard as inevitable losses in the council polls.

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Injunct after the latest Gallup opinion poll which put them ahead in Ryedale and within striking distance of the Tories in West Derbyshire, the Alliance yesterday mounted an energetic last effort to take them both.

Only two of the Alliance's 25 MPs were left in Westminster, while the rest went to Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

Armed with the poll showing the Tories on 39 per cent, the Alliance on 34 per cent, and Labour on 27 per cent, Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen cancelled previous engagements to return to West Derbyshire.

Campaigning in Belper, Matlock and Belper, they were making unannounced pleas to Labour voters to switch and vote tactically for the Alliance to defeat the Tories.

In Belper, Dr Owen was observed receiving pledges of transfers of allegiance.

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'Concern' over Telecom discounts

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Office of Telecommunications, the Government's telecommunications watchdog, has written to British Telecom to express "concern" over reports that BT is about to offer big price discounts to its major business customers in an effort to compete with its rival, Mercury Communications.

Details of the plan were leaked by members of BT's 100 Club, which comprises the corporation's most valued customers. BT had tried to swear the business customers to secrecy for fear of upsetting OfTel. The plan is believed to offer favoured customers with 20 telephone lines or more discounts of between 15 and 20 per cent on their local, national and international calls in return for a facility fee.

Professor Bryan Casberg, director-general of OfTel, wrote to BT that discrimination to price cuts of this sort would have to be justified with detailed figures.

Mercury said it believed BT's plan was probably illegal under the terms of BT's Government licence.

Mr Gordon Owen, Mercury's managing director, said that, if reports of the plan were true, it appeared to be an abuse of BT's monopoly position and a manipulation of tariffs which was not justified.

Reagan warning to Syria

Washington - President Reagan arrived back here yesterday to warm praise for his success in getting America's allies at the Tokyo summit to take a tough stand against international terrorism (Michael Binyon writes).

Before leaving Tokyo, Mr Reagan gave a clear warning that the US would not hesitate to strike at countries supporting terrorism, including Syria, if evidence implicated them.

Asked at a press conference whether the summit declaration on terrorism was a warning to Syria as well as Libya, he replied: "Yes... We intend this to make them think and realize... that they will have to face all of us united if we get evidence they were supporting terrorism."

He added the summit had discussed "possible tools or weapons in this war against terrorism".

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Conference key to jail dispute

The result of talks intended to settle the jails dispute could depend on the case leaders of the Prison Officers' Association are able to make to its annual conference on May 20 (Peter Evans writes).

Both sides agreed the gap with management was narrowing after a meeting yesterday.

But prison officers at the conference, will expect to see the outcome before making up their minds.

Mr Phil Hornsby, an assistant secretary of the association, said yesterday he did not think it would be possible before the conference to hold the ballot to lift formally the threat of industrial action.

Yesterday's talks were still about talks. Sir Brian Cubbon, Permanent Under Secretary at the Home Office, clarified a letter by Mr Hurd to the POA on April 22 about manning levels, pay, allowances and studies on working practices.

German costs lowest for 27 years

By David Smith

The cost of living in West Germany last month was lower than a year ago, the first time this has happened for nearly 27 years. Prices were down 0.2 per cent, making Germany the first major economy to have a negative inflation rate as a result of the collapse in oil prices.

Despite this, the Bundesbank appears determined to take no risks by relaxing its monetary policy. It decided yesterday to leave interest rates unchanged.

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Victory in rail strike damages battle

A businessman yesterday won an historic legal battle to make rail unions pay him damages for a strike which left him stranded.

The ruling by Judge Heatham at Sheffield County Court could open the floodgates to claims from other commuters affected by unofficial stoppages.

After hearing he had won the two-day case Mr Angus Falconer, aged 55, a former Royal Naval Commander, said: "This is a great day for freedom. It is a great day for the man in the street."

"It is also a great day for the ordinary decent trade unions. It will make unions think more carefully before decisions are forced on members by timid administrators who run some trade unions."

Mr Falconer, of Crimmoor Lane, Sheffield, claimed damages from the National Union of Railwaysmen and Aslef who called the 24-hour strike on January 17 last year without a ballot.

He had bought a return rail ticket to London for a business meeting and was to see a doctor. But he was forced to stay in London because of the strike which caused him to miss a meeting in Sheffield.

The judge awarded him £53 special damages - the cost of his overnight stay in London - and £100 general damages. Costs were awarded on a scale which means the rail unions will pay about £6,000 of the estimated £10,000 costs for the County Court hearing. Of the outstanding £4,000, about £3,000 has already been raised by donations sent to Mr Falconer by well-wishers.

Referring to the unions' claim that their actions were not aimed at Mr Falconer and no harm was intended to him, the judge said: "I find no sympathy with that argument."

"To say harm to passengers was a consequence and not the object of the action seems to me to be naive."

Mr Patrick Elias, for the rail unions, indicated that an appeal may be made against the decision.

The Brighton hotel blast trial

Police foiled plot to bring terror with 16 bombs, Crown says

A plot to explode 16 bombs around the country was foiled when Strathclyde police discovered what was going on and arrested five people in a Glasgow flat, the Brighton bomb trial jury was told yesterday.

Mr Roy Amlot was outlining the Crown's case on the second day of the trial at the Central Criminal Court in which a Belfast man, Patrick Magee, aged 35, is accused of planting the device that killed five people, including an MP and the wife of the Chief Whip during the Tory Party conference on October 12, 1984.

Mr Magee is also accused of murdering the five. Four others, Gerard McDonnell, aged 34, Peter Sherry, aged 30, Martina Anderson, aged 23, and Elio O'Dwyer, aged 26, deny conspiracy to cause explosions last year.

In the ground-floor flat in Glasgow, detectives found on one of the defendants details of the location of bombs as well as their type, the exact time and date of explosion, Mr Amlot said.

They discovered the precise position of a bomb placed in the Rubens Hotel in Buckingham Palace Road, central London. Also marked was the exact time and date, July 20, of the planned explosion.

Mr Amlot said that in a cellar not far away from the flat, the police found sufficient explosives for the remaining 15 bombs and several time and power units (TPUs) marked with intended locations and dates. The timers inside some of the TPUs were set and running.

"These five defendants constituted the units to prepare and prime the bombs", counsel said. The two-bedroom flat in Langside Road, Glasgow, had been rented nine days before by a man and a woman. There was a new lock and chain on the door.

McDonnell had a loaded Browning automatic pistol to the waistband of his trousers", Mr Amlot said. "There was a second Browning pistol in a grey handbag in the larger of the bedrooms."

though these are the setting times and dates", Mr Amlot said. Ticks indicated that those bombs had already been set. There were initials against some of the locations which could relate to the names some of the defendants used.

McDonnell's money-belt an accurate diagram for the Rubens Hotel bomb had been found. The letters, "MTS", stood for "Mercury Tilt Switch", the booby-trap device. Further information seized from McDonnell's money-belt indicated that after the Rubens Hotel bomb, a device was planned to go off in Torquay on July 30.

Then was to follow a bomb in Great Yarmouth on July 31, one in Folkestone on August 1, one in Margate on August 2, one in Southampton on August 3 and one in Southampton on August 5. A week after the arrests, a bomb case was discovered by police in the cellar of 17 James Grey Street, not far from Langside Road. It included six TPUs marked with the location and proposed dates of the six remaining 48-day bombs.

Each TPU needed only a detonator and explosive to complete the bomb. Mr Magee had a piece of paper with a list of figures and letters which coincided precisely with the bomb calendar. It was clear, Mr Amlot said, that all five were working as a team. Each had a false identity.

Each of the five also had a good deal of money mainly, totalling more than £10,000. Mr Amlot said: "The bomb cache was not discovered until six days after their arrest." On June 23, anti-terrorist squad officers and an explosives expert went to the Rubens Hotel "no distance from Buckingham Palace and the front of it overlooking the Palace Mews".

In a bedside cabinet in a yellow plastic lunchbox in room 112, they found the booby-trapped bomb. It contained three-and-a-half pounds of pelignite similar to a type manufactured in southern Ireland. It was labelled with the time it was due to go off, matching accurately with the bomb calendar.

Mr Amlot said: "There is overwhelming evidence that the materials used to make up that bomb came from the cache, found in the cellar at James Gray Street". He alleged that Mr Magee booked into the hotel on June 15 using the name T. Morton and using an address in Woodford Road, Watford. His fingerprints were later discovered on the hotel registration card and on the bomb calendar.

Mr Magee denies planting the time-delay device in room 629 during September, 1984, causing the explosion and murdering Mrs Shattock, Mrs Muriel MacLean, wife of the president of the Scottish Conservative Association, and three others: Sir Anthony Berry, aged 59, MP for Enfield Southgate, Mr Eric Taylor, aged 54, chairman of the party's north-west area, and Mrs Anne Wakeham, aged 45, wife of Mr John Wakeham, the Chief Whip.

Free local calls idea for phone kiosks

By Bill Johnston Technology Correspondent

Local calls from telephone kiosks could be made free and the costs of the network could be subsidized by the revenue from advertising billboards, under a plan to privatize call boxes compiled by a Croydon-based company of computer experts.

The company, Real Time Associates, has called on British Telecom to sell or franchise its kiosk network, which the computer experts claim can make money instead of losing millions each year. In the financial year 1984-85 the network of 76,500 public telephone kiosks lost £162 million in revenue.

The Croydon company has put its plans to Ofel (Office of Telecommunications), the telephone consumer watchdog. These plans contain a number of ideas to change the economics of the call boxes. They include: Linking rural telephone boxes to local exchanges by using cellular radio, the technology now used to car telephones.

Issuing subscribers with telephone cards for use in kiosks. The call is billed to the subscriber along with domestic calls. The card system would reduce the number of kiosks vandalized for money. Installing three times as many kiosks in urban areas as at present, to encourage greater use and minimize lost sales through vandalized call boxes. Providing operational costs of the service from the revenue paid by advertisers.

Free local telephone calls. British Telecom has a duty under its licence to provide the public call box network. It is not clear whether BT could "sub-contract" that responsibility. A timely three-part documentary in June called *Two Hot to Handle* investigates the dangers of nuclear power and the risks and myths surrounding radiation.

Among 12 new drama series is the award-winning *Three Sovereigns for Sarah*, starring Vanessa Redgrave, a true story about the Salem witch trials. The season opens with a six-part examination of television called *Open the Box*, which includes footage of families filmed by a concealed camera as they watched television.

A timely three-part documentary in June called *Two Hot to Handle* investigates the dangers of nuclear power and the risks and myths surrounding radiation. Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the company's chief executive, said he expected Channel 4 to hold its 10 per cent share of viewing, ahead of BBC 2, now that "the snooker tidal wave" had passed.

Films include the first television screenings of *Heat and Dust*, *Paris Texas*, *Raging Bull* and *Wetherby*, as well as a 20-film tribute to James Cagney in August. The trial continues today.



Greta Scacchi, star of Heat and Dust, at yesterday's launch of the new Channel 4 season (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Drama for Channel 4

Channel 4's summer schedules, starting later this month, are intended to maintain its ratings by bolstering drama and documentary content. Among 12 new drama series is the award-winning *Three Sovereigns for Sarah*, starring Vanessa Redgrave, a true story about the Salem witch trials.

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Gold gang 'cleaned out' banks court told

The gang disposing of gold from Britain's biggest robbery "cleaned out" local banks in the West Country when they withdrew £10 million in cash in a matter of weeks, a court was told yesterday.

There wasn't enough money left to pay them and the Bank of England stepped in, Mr Michael Corkery, QC, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Kenneth Noye, aged 38, a company director, of Hollywood Cottage, School Lane, West Kingsdown, Kent, is alleged to be the mastermind of the gold "laundering" operation. The court was told that when Mr Noye was questioned about his alleged involvement in the disposal of £26 million in gold bullion stolen by armed robbers from a Brinks-Mat vault at Heathrow Airport in November 1983, he said that his life would be in danger if he talked.

The police found 11 gold bars at Mr Noye's house. Mr Noye is accused with Brian Reader, aged 45, a dealer, of Winn Road, Grove Park, south-east London; Michael Lawson, aged 37, a company director, of Top Darford Road, Hextable, Kent; Thomas Adams, aged 25, an asphaltier, of Granbridge Street, Islington, north London; Matteo Constantino, aged 66, a jeweller, of High Road, Whistone; Garth Chappell, aged 42, a director, of Stonehills, Litton, Somerset; and Terence Patch, aged 41, a contractor, of Vee Road, Felton, Bristol.

They all plead not guilty to conspiring with others to handle stolen gold between November 1983 and February last year. All except Mr Lawson further deny conspiring to evade value-added tax. The trial continues today.

Eating-out survey puts steak at the top

British taste is slow to change, but salad is now as popular as chips, according to a countrywide survey of the nation's eating-out habits.

Today's issue of *Caterer and Hotelkeeper* reports that prawn cocktail is still by far the favourite starter, and steak the first choice as main course. Of 996 people interviewed more than an eighth ate out once a week, and more than four out of 10 once a month, but there was a marked reluctance to leave a tip.

One victim of changing taste is Black Forest gansau. For years this held top place as the nation's favourite dessert, but suddenly it is chosen by only 5 per cent of customers, on a par with biscuits and cheese. Londoners eat out more than anyone else, but claim to have the largest share of rude and arrogant waiters. Scots have a disproportionate liking for soup and for broccoli.

People in Wales and the South-west were most likely to experiment when eating out, and least likely to tip. Northerners are increasing their consumption of steaks, while the South-east and East Anglia have developed a taste for cheesecake. Better treatment of cancer patients was promised yesterday, thanks to a new £200,000 camera which will help scientists to find the most effective way of killing tumours.

The camera, installed at Charing Cross Hospital, London, will monitor "magic bullet" therapy, in which antibodies armed by radioactivity or drugs home in on cancer cells and destroy them. Until now researchers have not been able to see exactly how effective the treatment is.

A POSITIVE MESSAGE ON CHERNOBYL FROM FRIENDS OF THE EARTH...

It need not happen again.

The nuclear accident happened 2000 miles away. Yet we in Britain were still warned not to drink fresh rainwater.

What does that say about the likely effects of a similar accident here?

And does anyone now doubt that it could happen?

Of course we are tempted to say "We told you so," for we warned at the Windscale Inquiry, we warned at the Sizewell Inquiry, we have warned for fifteen years that there was danger in the combination of human fallibility and technology with such unprecedented capacity for environmental harm.

But there's no satisfaction in being proved right on this issue. What matters is that a similar disaster in Britain is as avoidable as it is at present predictable.

Nuclear power amounts to only four per cent of Britain's energy supply.

Think about it.

... all that danger, all that cost, all the unsolved problems of waste for just four per cent of our energy.

When we have 300 years' supply of coal.

When we have North Sea Oil. When we have North Sea Gas. When we haven't even started to conserve energy.

When we haven't even started to explore alternative energy sources ... such as sun, wind and waves.

You now know that the human cost of nuclear energy is too high. This is the time to add your voice to ours. Demand that no more nuclear power stations are built.

So, join us now. Or at least give us financial support. Someone has to speak on your behalf - we have the expertise and experience to do it.

Form for Friends of the Earth membership, including fields for name, address, and contribution amount.



Sir Anthony Berry and Mrs Jeanne Shattock, who died in the Brighton explosion.

Tory chief fell through seven floors of hotel

The "miraculous" escape of a Conservative Party official, Mr Gordon Shattock, in the IRA bomb attack on the Grand Hotel, Brighton, was described to the bomb trial jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Shattock, chairman of the Conservative Party's western area, fell from the sixth floor to the basement, but was able to escape from the rubble, Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said. Mr Shattock's wife, Jeanne, aged 52, was one of the five people killed in the explosion. Mr Amlot said that Mr Shattock had been woken by noisy guests at about 2.30am. He and his wife were staying in room 628, next to room 629 where the prosecution says the bomb had been concealed.

"Mr Shattock was only dozing at the time of the explosion," Mr Amlot said. "He was immediately aware of the explosion. He recalled a terrifying flash that appeared to come from the area of the bathroom doorway followed by a tremendous noise. "He was blown off the bed, away from the bathroom. There was no floor and he started to fall into a pit. He was aware of large concrete pieces descending with him. He fell in a tight ball and finished up right down in the basement. "Miraculously he found he could move."

Mr Shattock found a way out. But his wife, who had been in the bathroom, was killed instantly when she was blown across a corridor into a cupboard in room 638. Mr Amlot said a doctor who examined Mrs Shattock's body found pieces of ceramic material embedded in her which had clearly come from the dividing wall between the bathrooms of rooms 628 and 629.

Award for worm firm scheme

For the past six years, Mr Peter Cowin, a keen angler and zoologist, from Tyne-side, has been investigating methods of producing the world's perfect rag worm. From harvesting ordinary earthworms for anglers' bait, the 26-year-old entrepreneur now plans to breed 10 million rag worms a year at Britain's first rag worm farm.

Yesterday Mr Cowin, a post-graduate of Newcastle University, received the Student Industrial Society's first £1,000 Innovation for Business Award, in London. Proudly displaying his latest superworms, bred in laboratory conditions on a secret protein diet in Newcastle upon Tyne, Mr Cowin said he planned to make his first million pounds through selling fishing bait by 1990. He will plough his £1,000 award into the £250,000 investment in his company, Southall, which will be set up early next year.

Free local calls idea for phone kiosks

By Bill Johnston Technology Correspondent

Local calls from telephone kiosks could be made free and the costs of the network could be subsidized by the revenue from advertising billboards, under a plan to privatize call boxes compiled by a Croydon-based company of computer experts.

The company, Real Time Associates, has called on British Telecom to sell or franchise its kiosk network, which the computer experts claim can make money instead of losing millions each year. In the financial year 1984-85 the network of 76,500 public telephone kiosks lost £162 million in revenue.

The Croydon company has put its plans to Ofel (Office of Telecommunications), the telephone consumer watchdog. These plans contain a number of ideas to change the economics of the call boxes. They include: Linking rural telephone boxes to local exchanges by using cellular radio, the technology now used to car telephones.

Issuing subscribers with telephone cards for use in kiosks. The call is billed to the subscriber along with domestic calls. The card system would reduce the number of kiosks vandalized for money. Installing three times as many kiosks in urban areas as at present, to encourage greater use and minimize lost sales through vandalized call boxes. Providing operational costs of the service from the revenue paid by advertisers.

Free local telephone calls. British Telecom has a duty under its licence to provide the public call box network. It is not clear whether BT could "sub-contract" that responsibility. A timely three-part documentary in June called *Two Hot to Handle* investigates the dangers of nuclear power and the risks and myths surrounding radiation.

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Greta Scacchi, star of Heat and Dust, at yesterday's launch of the new Channel 4 season (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

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El Al bomb incident discussed with Syrian ambassador

INVESTIGATIONS

The Syrian Ambassador called at the Foreign Office last week at the Government's request and on May 5 at his own request, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons question time when asked to confirm a story in *The Times* that a Syrian diplomat was in exile.

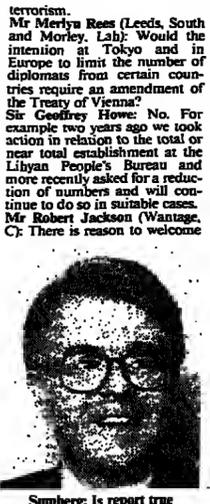
I can say only (he said) that in connection with a police investigation involving custody of a man called Hindawi charged with conspiracy in murder and an attempt to destroy an aircraft in service, investigations are continuing. I cannot say anything that would prejudice the judicial process that we discussed the El Al bomb incident with him. I can go no further while investigation is continuing.

Mr David Samberg (Bury South, C), who raised the issue, asked if the decision reached at Tokyo relating to terrorism would be extended to all countries engaged in state-sponsored terrorism.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said other governments were well aware of the Government's commitment to measures of this kind. It was clear the measures agreed in Tokyo and in Europe were intended to be applied in suitable proven cases to other examples of state-sponsored terrorism.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said the action being taken against terrorism in the Middle East but that is not dealing with the cause of terrorism - the Palestinian problem.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The search



Samberg: Is report true about Syrian diplomat?

for progress in the peace process in the Middle East continues and it must be said the procedures for that process are not looking too hopeful, but we continue to look for them.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith (Wexford, C), in dealing with terrorism it is vital in getting agreement in extradition procedures. Would he take steps in persuade America of the importance we attach to the Senate passing the Extradition Treaty Bill?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I entirely agree with that point.

The Prime Minister and I underlined to the President and the Secretary of State the importance we attach to the ratification of that treaty. They left us in no doubt of the commitment of this administration to that end and they and we are doing everything possible to secure the right answer from Congress.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): Would he exercise caution even in the justifiable indictment of Libya so that he does not fall into the trap of putting all the Arab nations against us to satisfy the aims of the United States-Israel axis?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: There is no question of this Government taking any action to satisfy the aims of that or any other axis. It would be wrong to allow the justifiable condemnation of Libya state directed terrorism to lead us into conflict with any other Arab state.

Summit pledge of action

TERRORISM

Does the Foreign Secretary share the view of President Reagan and Vice-President Bush that Syria would be a suitable candidate for unilateral American action possibly involving sea-launched cruise missiles?

Or does he share the view of Prime Minister Craxi of Italy that further unilateral action against a state which sponsored terrorism would be a breach of the agreement reached in Tokyo?

Or does he share the view of Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan that every country has the right to interpret the Tokyo communiqué as they wish?

These three questions were put in the Commons by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, by Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman, who after putting them, added to Labour cheers and laughter: What is left of the Prime Minister's great achievements in Tokyo after that?

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Campbell-Savours: Insurance assisting terrorism

Most of question time to Foreign Office ministers was occupied by exchanges about international terrorism. During these Mr. Greville James (Leicester, West, Lab) pointed out that Libyan planes were still permitted to land in this country. Why?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: There are a few air services between Libya and most other countries of Western Europe. There is still a substantial British community in Libya who are dependent to some extent on these services, including those coming from this country. We have taken account of all the circumstances and the point has not been yet

out what happened over the incident of the Bell Shipping Line executive who was stopped at Dublin airport with £300,000 in his suitcase, who was working in conjunction with Control Risks, a London company?

Will he find out what happened in the course of that incident and why that money was being taken into the Republic of Ireland?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: If his facts are correct they certainly deserve attention, whether by the prosecution authorities or by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland or myself, I do not know.

Mr David Athlison (Bournemouth, East, C): When he does meet his Irish counterpart, will he ask when he proposes to put to an end to his country's counter trade with Libya of food for arms for the IRA?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I have no evidence whatever to suggest that the Government of the Republic of Ireland is concerned in the supply of arms to the IRA.

Mr Norman Godman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab): There should be no parity in the condensation of sponsorship of terrorism. Has the Foreign Secretary in recent times brought to the attention of Mr Shultz the deep disquiet felt by many people in this country concerning American sponsored terrorism in Nicaragua?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: There is a total difference between those terrorist organizations dedicated to the infliction of indiscriminate damage on innocent people in third coun-

tries and the differences to which the Nicaraguans are engaged in the frontiers of Nicaragua.

Mr Nicholas Winter (Macclesfield, C): Perhaps his department might do more to advise people in this country who are going to countries such as Sri Lanka on the dangers they might encounter, bearing in mind the sad experience at Colombo at the end of last week? I had two constituents, Mr and Mrs French, who were in the plane which blew up but fortunately escaped serious injury.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I understand his concern. In many cases we cannot give specific advice about specific problems that might arise. There is a need for people about to travel to study conditions in the country they are to visit.

Mr Alan Beth (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Syria provides a haven for some particularly ruthless terrorists. If he recognizes that would he favour bombing or some other provocative means of dealing with it?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The measures we favoured at the summit conference and by the Community countries are the collective effective actions set out in detail in the communiqué in Tokyo and by the European Community. Whether or not a measure should be taken against a given state depends on whether that state is involved in terrorism so as to make the response suggested suitable.

Geoffrey Smith

The big difference between the by-election campaigns in Ryedale and West Derbyshire was not in the strength of the Conservatives, but in the strength of Labour.

In both constituencies, there is a groundswell of protest against the Government. But in West Derbyshire, this has up to now been fairly evenly divided between Liberal and Labour.

The question there is whether in the final days of the campaign it has been possible for the Liberals to persuade enough Labour waverers to switch their votes to defeat the Conservative.

In Ryedale, however, the Liberal is widely seen as the obvious candidate to support if the Conservative is to be beaten. As I have been round the doorstep in parts of this large and varied constituency, I have been left in no doubt that Mrs Elizabeth Shields is garnering most of the anti-Conservative vote.

That is why the Liberal Party, despite a half-hearted attempt at seemly public caution, is privately confident of victory. The Liberals will now suffer a blow if they fail to win.

Inheritance tax clause approved

FINANCE BILL

The clause of the Finance Bill putting into effect the structural changes that convert capital transfer tax into inheritance was approved in the Commons by 206 votes to 114 - Government majority, 92.

Dr Oonagh McDonald, an Opposition spokesman on Treas-

ury and economic affairs, said when the committee stage of the Bill was resumed, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had suggested that capital transfer tax was anti-enterprise, but few other countries viewed it in that way.

The tax would not fall on the super-rich. They would be in a position to make disposals of their assets during their own lifetime. At best it would fall on

the not-so-rich members of the community, but even there the tax avoidance business was already under way.

Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State, Treasury, said the legislative conferred freedom on businessmen and everyone else to order their affairs in terms of their own best interests rather than taking decisions simply because of fiscal imperatives.

Liberals suggest education re-think

HOUSE OF LORDS

The great debate on education had turned into a slanging match - a debacle, Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal Party, said when she opened a House of Lords debate on the situation in schools.

She declared: We are failing lamentably to deliver the goods educationally. If we do not improve our educational achievements we shall decline economically and will not recover socially.

The events of the past 12 to 15 months we made all too sad because in some ways they had the most creative and concerned Secretary of State for

Education that they had had for a long time.

Some of his ideas (she said) have been of the kind that we welcome greatly.

The dispute had meant that a great many children had been deprived of education which they were entitled to receive and which they needed. It had meant that a great many parents had been extremely anxious about their children's educational prospects and consequent career prospects. It had also meant that many people had been discouraged from entering the teaching profession.

Calling for a re-think on education, she suggested the setting up of an all-party committee of the House to examine the problems of educa-

tion and to put forward suggestions on how they could raise the level of debate on the subject which had sunk so lamentably low in the past few years.

Lord McIntosh of Harlow, for the Opposition, said that the present position had been arrived at as a result of a number of years of devaluing the importance of education and the resources which needed to be given to it. It was a shocking situation that for the first time defence expenditure had overtaken educational expenditure.

It was the deliberate policy of the Government to restrict the maximum amount of education, using the excuse of falling rolls and ignoring the overwhelming evidence of the

increasing need for further resources and further attention to be paid to the educational system.

Nearly one-third of the schools had leaking roofs and other defects, a quarter still had outside toilets and a third were overcrowded despite falling rolls.

Lord Kirkwood (SDP), in a maiden speech, said science graduates did not want to go into secondary school teaching because the morale of the profession was at an all time low. Teachers felt undervalued by society and that was reflected in their low pay scales.

The Bishop of London (Dr Graham Leonard) said there was too much gloom and doom in education.

Bill to ban plastic bullets rejected

POLICING

Plastic bullets could become a necessary tool for the police in fighting terrorism and maintaining public order in the future, Sir Eldon Griffiths, parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab), had sought leave, under the 10-minute rule procedure, to bring in a Bill to prohibit the use of plastic bullets in the UK. The motion was rejected by 184 votes to 85 votes - majority, 99.

He said plastic bullets had caused blinding, paralysis, brain damage and death. If their use was allowed to continue in Northern Ireland it was only a matter of time before it spread

to the rest of the UK.

Displaying one of the bullets to the House, he asked how many more would have to die before the use of this lethal and barbaric weapon was abolished.

Opposing the Bill, Sir Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said the police were entitled to have all necessary means of protecting themselves and the public against the attacks of violent men in view of the increased use of guns by criminals and of petrol bombs in demonstrations and riots.

The Association of Chief Police Officers had been looking at the pros and cons of baton rounds. The experience of the RUC in Northern Ireland showed that selectively used, they could and did make riot control easier and safer and could and did save lives.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on crime prevention.
Lords (3): Gas Bill, committee, third day.

Arms supply inquiry sought

MIDDLE EAST

The Opposition demanded during question time in the Commons that inquiries be made into allegations that arms were being procured in Britain for use in the Iran-Iraq war, and that a house in Victoria Street, London, was the base of the operation, which was being used for the export of arms to Iraq.

Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, asked: How does the minister reconcile his declared policy on arms with

the supply of Chieftain spare parts?

What investigation has the Government made of allegations that a building in Victoria Street is the main entrepot for the procurement of arms for Iraq?

He also asked what application had been made for the extradition to the United States of people for supplying arms to Iran. What investigation had been made about the illegal use of the diplomatic bag by Iran for the export of arms?

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, replied: Recently no new applications for the

VAT ceiling not to be increased

EEC BUDGET

Called on during question time in the Commons to block any proposal to increase the EEC limit of 1.4 per cent VAT, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, replied that any such proposal would require the unanimous agreement of the member states and approval by national parliaments. She saw no sign of that happening.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) asked if she could confirm that if the European Community were to come up with a budget that raised the ceiling the Government would turn this down flat.

Mrs Chalker: He is dreaming dreams of things he might like to happen and we intend to ensure should not happen. If a further supplementary budget were to come forward it would depend on exactly why it had come forward.

There has been a 25 per cent fall in the value of the dollar against the ECU (European Unit of Account) that could not have been foreseen. We have to cope with reality and not blind theory.

She added later that they had to ensure that the EEC Budget Council rigorously scrutinized any supplementary budget for essential savings. Every possible effort should be made to stop surplus or deficit from arising. It did not eat up the large amount of the budget that they did at the moment.

US accused of state terrorism

NICARAGUA

The Contras and Nicaraguans who have resorted to armed struggle against their own government did not seek to advance their cause by terrorism acts in third countries, Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons question time exchanges.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, had asked: Did the Government remind President Reagan at the Tokyo summit that his proposal for military aid for the Contras involves the United States in a most blatant form of state terrorism, since the Contras engage in horrifying atrocities, including torture and mutilation against innocent women and children and are now being accused in the US of drug running and plotting the murder of an American ambassador in central America?

So long as President Reagan supports such activities he has no right to claim to be an opponent of state terrorism.

Mr Eggar: Mr Healey is trying to draw a parallel which does not stand up to an examination between US action in Libya and Nicaragua. In Libya Gadhafi has committed the Libyan Government to organizing and directing a world-wide campaign of terrorist violence against innocent people outside Libya.

Risks taken by those who work in Libya

PROTECTION

British citizens who continued to live and work in Libya did so at their own risk, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions. Their protection could not be the only consideration of foreign policy, but he hoped the day would never come when the Government was helpless of their safety.

There was no doubt the risk from terrorism to innocent people would be more likely to increase in the case of inaction by countries such as Britain.

Our consistent advice since April 1984 (he said) has been that British citizens choosing to live and work in Libya do so on their own responsibility and that

consider assistance and protection is limited.

We have more recently advised the withdrawal of dependants and non-essential staff. Our counsel in Tripoli is in close contact with representatives of the British community, which now numbers around 3,500.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab): In view of recent statements by the US President and Vice President in relation to the possibility of indeed provability - of the US taking action against state-sponsored terrorism in other countries, what advice is the Foreign Office giving to British nationals in Syria, Iran, Iraq and elsewhere?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Our advice to travellers in all areas where tension is increased or where the risk of terrorist violence is substantial - for example in certain parts of Beirut - is that

they have to make their own judgements at their own risk and responsibility.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, C): As he would not wish to have British nationals expelled from Libya solely on the grounds of their being British, will he confirm that no Libyan students will be expelled from this country solely on the grounds of their being Libyan? Their training in this country is very much in our long term interest.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Action taken in respect of Libyans, whether students or otherwise, resident in this country is taken on the basis of evidence and grounds of security considerations and not on the basis of any general categorization.

Mr Alan Beth (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Does he believe that British nationals, whether at home or abroad, are safer from

terrorism now than before the bombing raid or does he share the assessment of Mr George Sinclair, US Secretary of State, that Colonel Gadhafi may be more dangerous now than before?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I have not seen that particular assessment but there is no doubt that the risk of terrorism and injury to innocent people as a result of it would be more likely to increase in the case of inaction by countries such as our own.

Mr Andrew MacKay (Bershire East, C) said some people would not be particularly sympathetic to British nationals who found themselves in difficulties in Libya as the dangers had been made abundantly clear to them and they were extremely tough-hardy to go there at this time.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I understand the point. We have no legal means of preventing British

citizens visiting or remaining in Libya, but our advice to them has been very clear.

Mr Ernest Rees (Dumdee West, Lab): Will he make it quite clear that British nationals who have married Libyans and now live in Libya will have no impediment in their way, or the way of their families, when they wish to visit relatives?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: In today's world many people are parties to cross-national marriages of that kind and governments have to treat them sympathetically. There is no question of any retaliation or measures by ourselves against others solely because of their nationality or marital status.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough, C) said the safety of British nationals should not always cloud the judgement of British foreign policy.

Knows her territory

Yet Mrs Shields has the kind of qualities that can easily be underestimated. While she is unlikely ever to win an election through the drama of her campaign, she is equally unlikely to lose one through a foolish lapse when the wind is blowing in her direction. She is astute, apparently single-minded, and she knows her home territory.

She comes to polling day in what must be a very different frame of mind from her Labour opponent, Mrs Shirley Haines.

The one consolation for Mrs Haines is that she can never throughout this campaign have suffered from the illusion of false hopes.

From what I have seen, she has known that she has nothing to win, so she has sensibly decided that she better not lose anything either.

There is a point here that may, I suspect, be of wider significance. Not so long ago, Labour candidates often gave the impression that they thought the world was against them. In politics, that easily becomes a self-fulfilling assumption.

But neither in Ryedale nor in West Derbyshire have the Labour candidates and their immediate entourage displayed such paranoia. It may only be a matter of style, but it is quite an important one.

The immediate question is whether the Alliance will be given a new infusion of hope. But whether any improvement is lasting will depend as much as anything upon how the other parties comport themselves.

Science report

Fresh clues to the cause of acid rain

Research at Lancaster University is showing that the devastating effects of acid rain are due to more than sulphuric and nitric acids formed in the atmosphere from sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide, SO₂ and NO₂.

The Lancaster team led by Professor Terry Mansfield have experimentally exposed plants and trees to the same concentrations of SO₂ and NO₂ as those found in forests devastated by acid rain, but found they had little or no effect.

This led the scientists to conclude other factors must be at work. Now they have growing evidence to suggest that these extra factors are extremely low temperatures in the winter and relatively high ozone concentrations formed by sunlight acting on hydrocarbon gases in the summer.

If the research proves the case against winter temperatures and ozone, then that while acid rain weakens plants and

trees, they are actually killed by winter temperatures, ozone and possibly other factors.

Such findings would strengthen the case for limiting emissions from oil refineries and vehicle exhausts as well as from coal and oil burning power stations and domestic and industrial fires and furnaces.

Refineries and vehicle exhausts are the main sources of the hydrocarbons from which ozone is formed by sunlight.

The Lancaster team uses four experimental greenhouses which can be filled with any desired mix of air plus various pollutants and set to any required temperature.

During the past few months they have been exposing plants and trees to air containing SO₂ and NO₂ at the levels found in areas devastated by acid rain, while at the same time blowing in cold air to bring the temperature rapidly down to -6C. Next they will reproduce the summer conditions.

Fire death mystery of family

A father told an inquest yesterday about the night that the woman with whom he was living, her four children and a family friend died in a fire at their Manchester home.

John Allison was awoken shortly after going to bed by the family friend, Karen Dunlop, aged 16, who helped to look after the children. "She said she could smell smoke."

The girl stayed upstairs with the rest of the family while Mr Allison dashed to a neighbour's house to raise the alarm.

Mrs Gloria Heap, the woman with whom he was living, a divorcee, her four children and Karen all died in the fire on February 19 at the semi-detached house in Moston, Greater Manchester.

Mr Leonard Gorodkin, the city coroner, said all the victims died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

He said: "It was a most terrible tragedy for a family to be wiped out like this. The cause of the fire seems to remain something of a mystery."

He recorded verdicts of accidental deaths in all cases.

Twins born to giraffe

Bernardine, a giraffe at the Longleat safari park in Wiltshire has become the first to give birth to twins - one male and one female - in captivity.

"We had noticed that Bernardine was pretty large and we joked that maybe she would have twins, but we were astounded when it actually happened," Mr Ian Small, a Longleat spokesman said.

But when the staff arrived yesterday morning they found the giraffe with two healthy calves.

"She had no help from a vet or anyone else and now the calves have started walking and feeding," Mr Small said.

The calves will spend a few weeks in a special pen until they are sturdier.

Sale room

£117,096 paid for surrealist box

A forest of the surprises on the way, when Christie's auctions at West Dean in West Sussex next month the furniture and works of art from Edward James's various homes, came with the \$181,500 (estimate \$40,000-\$50,000), or £117,096, paid for a box by the American surrealist, Joseph Cornell, in New York on Tuesday night.

It had been in store since James gave up a California home in the 1950s. Edward James died last year and his estate was left to the Edward James Foundation, which runs West Dean as a crafts college.

While most of the material from California has been shipped to England for sale, it was thought that the work of an American surrealist would sell better in America. James, who inherited great wealth, was one of the first patrons of the surrealists in the 1930s and a collector of the boxes with carefully orchestrated contents which Cornell adopted as an art form.

This is one of his earliest. It was included in the exhibition, *Fantastic Art, Dada, Surrealism*, at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 1936-37 with the title, "Elements of Natural Philosophy". The box contains 53 glass bottles with miscellaneous contents and two picture cards.

The sale of contemporary art included a new auction price record for the sculptor, David Smith, at \$1,320,000 (£851,652). The 7ft welded steel sculpture of 1963 comes from his "Voltri-Bolton Landing" series and is considered one of the artist's greatest works.

Christie's had a near miss with Jasper Johns's "Target" of 1961, which was unsold just below the reserve at \$2 million. The sale totalled £3.6 million. At Christie's East a model of a dovecot, described as "Whieldon type", sold for \$33,000 (£21,290) against an estimate of \$1,500 to \$2,500; the purchaser considered it a genuine Whieldon piece.

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Local councils urged to seek ratepayers' views for improved services

Local councils often have no clear idea of their aims in providing services, many of which are a result of historical accident rather than a response to people's needs, a National Consumer Council report states.

The services continue because the councils lack an established system of finding out what ratepayers want, and do not provide enough information for the ratepayers to make judgements, the report, published today, maintains.

It urges authorities to respond more to the communities they serve by developing ways of measuring their own performance.

It suggests an increased use of statistical studies, surveys and discussions with tenants and other consumers.

Councils should also make themselves more accountable by publishing wider details of their performance than simply financial figures, the report, based on a two-year study carried out in collaboration with two local authorities, states.

Mr Michael Montague, the consumer council chairman, said yesterday that many consumers allowed sloppy standards from their council, while the authorities' own

figures told them nothing about consumer satisfaction.

"We get the services we deserve. Telling the council what we want doesn't make us agitators or malcontents - just responsible consumers," Mr Montague said.

The study tested performance for six different services provided by Cambridge-shire County Council and Newcastle upon Tyne City Council, including housing repairs and maintenance and refuse collection.

The authorities were selected because of their established concern for consumers. It suggests practical methods of improving councils' awareness, such as checklists of questions for people to rate the service they receive.

The consumer council, a government-funded body, will itself be publishing guides on consumers' rights in each category.

The report contains some criticism of the councils for not having clearly defined objectives.

It was disappointing to learn that they were rarely specified in a concise, concrete way, and for some services we suspect that many authorities have no clear idea of what they are trying to do at all," it says.

It recommends that council members and officers should recognize that their true function is not to provide services for their own sake. Rather, they are there to give people access to useful services which would not otherwise be available.

The introduction of proper "performance measurement" could act as a catalyst for a general change in attitude.

It is acknowledged that the consumer-value provided by some services can be much harder to pin down than others, such as housing repairs, but the report emphasizes that there is room for improvement in most areas.

"In several services, we encountered extraordinary gaps in the authority's knowledge about a service which prevented even the most rudimentary evaluation.

"Few library authorities, for example, know who their users are, even in terms of numbers," the report says.

It concludes that councillors should be convinced of the benefits of a consumer-directed approach.

Measuring Up. Consumer assessment of local authority services: a guideline study. (National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AA; £8).



A wave from the Queen yesterday as she leaves St Paul's Cathedral with the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alan Davies, after a service of intercession and thanksgiving for British industry and commerce.

A wasted court day 'costs up to £4,000'

Every time a High Court case has to be adjourned, leaving a court without any work for the day, more than £4,000 of taxpayers' money is wasted, a judge said yesterday.

Mr Justice French made the remark when it seemed that an adjournment of a case, at the request of lawyers, might leave his court empty for a day when there was a waiting list of hundreds of other cases.

Later a spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department, which administers the courts, said that just providing a courtroom at the High Court cost £1,000 a day.

The cost of running a courtroom at a crown court, where serious criminal cases are heard, could be as much as £1,300 a day.

High Court officials are constantly urging lawyers to give them plenty of warning if they want to cancel a hearing.

The £4,000 figure given by Mr Justice French is understood to include his own salary, the wages of court staff and the cost of providing him with a personal clerk.

High Court judges earn £55,625 a year and Lords Justices of Appeal £40,750 a year. Circuit judges hearing cases in crown and county courts throughout England and Wales received £36,500.

Campaign continues to improve food labelling

The Consumers' Association today promised to continue to fight the Government for better food labelling and more information about the 3,500 additives now in use.

A survey carried out by *Which?* magazine said that by shopping around even inside the same shop it may be

possible to find other versions of the same product with fewer additives.

"As public concern about additives has increased in recent years, manufacturers and retailers have responded by changing the additive content of their products. Even so, it could be quite a while before

you find anything like the full range of revised products available in your supermarket," the report said.

A survey of 1,000 packaged products found only 140 with no additives listed at all. When additives were present "four was not an uncommon number

and 28 items had 10 additives or more".

Some additives are known to cause intolerance reactions, although there is no medical evidence that they cause more long-term problems. "All additives should be listed on the label by the E numbers," *Which?* said.

Liverpool puts £40m into homes

Liverpool's left-wing Labour councillors yesterday announced plans to spend £40 million to boost their housing programme.

Mr Derek Hatton, the Militant-supporting deputy council leader, said the package would create 5,000 new jobs in the building industry.

He insisted that the announcement had not been deliberately timed for the eve of today's local elections, claiming that agreement had been struck only yesterday with contractors.

The package includes 14 contracts for 573 new council homes, and eight new contracts for improving and converting 703 others.

Another eight demolition contracts will see the end of some of the city's worst tenements.

About £5.5 million will be spent on 22 contracts for environmental improvements and another £2.5 million on street works. The councillors have also earmarked £4.1 million for improving school buildings.

About £20 million of the £40 million cost of the projects will be covered by a "deferred purchase arrangement" - a deal struck with financial institutions last year.

Bamber sent for trial

Jeremy Bamber, the farmer accused of murdering five of his family, was committed for trial to Chelmsford Crown Court by Maldon magistrates yesterday.

Mr Bamber, aged 25, of Goldhanger, Essex, who has been in custody for seven months, is charged with shooting his parents, Neville and June, both aged 61, his sister, Sheila Caffell, aged 27, a fashion model, and her twin sons, Daniel and Nicholas, both aged six, on August 6 last year.

The family were shot at their home, White House Farm, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex. No application was made for bail.

Misleading headlines on university funding

The Press Council has upheld a complaint against *The Times* over two headlines which gave a misleading impression of university finances.

By not responding to a professor's criticism, the newspaper failed to make amends, which it could have done by publishing a correction, clarification or letter, the council said.

In a feature on the government White Paper on public spending, one report was headlined: "Increase in funding for universities". One of a strip of headlines at the top of the page read: "University boost".

The introduction spoke of selective increases amounting to £20 million a year over three years, and another paragraph said university spending was being cut in real terms by 1.6 per cent next year.

Professor M.J. Rennie, head of the department of psychology at Dundee University, complained that the two headlines were misleading, giving a damaging impression that universities would gain from financial policy, and the editor failed to make amends.

Most readers would not be familiar with the present poor

Attempt to heal car plates rift

By Clifford Wehh
Motoring Correspondent

The motor trade is so divided over proposals to change the annual vehicle registration identifier from August to another month that the Government may be forced to impose its original choice of October.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, has announced that he is prepared to change his mind about switching to October, commencing next year "if the weight of opinion in the motor industry as a whole changes and provided this is acceptable to the police".

By throwing the ball back into the industry's court he has in effect told the two main trade bodies, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and the Motor Agents Association (MAA) to heal the present rift between them or he will impose a solution.

The two sides have arranged to meet next week but last night the prospects of agreement remained slim.

The MAA, which represents most of Britain's garages, said a change to October would cost the trade up to 180,000 new car sales next year because dealers would not be able to offer attractive part exchanges on used cars so near the "dead" winter months.

For that reason it was strongly in favour of July.

The SMMT said October was the month preferred by British vehicle manufacturers because it would reduce peaks and troughs of sales caused by the letter change in August and result in fewer workers being laid off in the closing months of the year.

Neither body has come near to obtaining a majority view from its members.

Austin Rover would like to see the year identifier abolished. It does not accept the MAA claim that annual sales will suffer. It is unlikely to get its way because the police say the year registration letter is the first thing witnesses remember and is a great help in tracing cars.

state of funding of Britain's universities, Professor Rennie said, but even many who were would assume that the headlines told the truth.

Mr Michael Hoy, managing editor of *The Times*, replied that nobody reading the story could form any opinion other than that the increases were selective. While the headline might not be ideal, it could in no way be suggested the article was misleading or damaging, he said.

The Press Council's adjudication was:

From its introduction, the article made clear that increases in university funding to which it referred were selective, and that university spending was being cut in real terms.

However, the two headlines "Increases in funding for universities" and "University boost" were misleading and contrary to the main thrust of the article. They were likely to lead readers to believe the budget proposed was, overall, beneficial to universities when the reverse was true.

By not responding to the complainant's criticism, the paper effectively failed to make amends for its misrepresentation which it could have done by publishing a correction, clarification or letter.

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Sharp Senate rebuff for Reagan over arms sale to Saudis

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In a sharp rebuff to President Reagan, the Senate has voted decisively against his proposal to sell \$354 million (£236 million) of advanced arms to Saudi Arabia. The surprisingly large vote — 73-22 — was enough to enable the Senate to override Mr Reagan's promised veto of the resolution of disapproval. It marked the first time the Senate had explicitly rejected a proposed arms sale. The House of Representatives was due to vote last night, and was certain to reject the deal. Twenty-nine Republican senators joined 44 Democrats in voting against the sale, even though Senator Richard Lugar, chairman of the foreign relations committee, warned them that they were "taking an opposition" to the President. Asked in Tokyo about this, and about some reverses of his tax revision programme, Mr Reagan remarked: "Just wait until the old man gets home." The Congressional opposition, mustered by Senator Alan Cranston, a Democrat from California, came despite the fact that Israel and its main lobby group in Washington did not oppose the sale.

But opponents denounced Saudi Arabia for undermining the Middle East peace process, supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization and for condemning last month's US air raid on Libya. The proposed sale includes Stinger anti-aircraft, Sidewinder air-to-air and Harpoon anti-ship missiles. The Administration insists they are a vital symbol of American support to moderate Arabs, and would help Saudi Arabia fight radical and fundamentalist forces. Last year the Administration was forced to withdraw a proposed arms sale to Jordan. The pro-Israel lobby in Congress is preparing to stop delivery of advanced surveillance aircraft first sold to Saudi Arabia in 1981. **RIYADH:** Arms deals were the main topic of discussion in the past three days between the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr George Younger, and Saudi officials (a Correspondent writes). In particular, Mr Younger discussed the Saudi desire to establish an offset investment programme on the \$5 billion Tornado-Hawk-Pilatus deal with the Saudi Minister of

Defence and Aviation, Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz. Mr Younger said that offset proposals had been discussed, and officials instructed to evaluate them and produce a definitive paper. Mr Younger and Prince Sultan have decided to make a government-to-government deal that would spell out how an offset programme would be implemented. An offset investment programme strives to offset large military or technological purchases with investment in the purchasing country, often involving transfer of technology. Although the US Senate voted against a \$354 million missile deal, Prince Sultan did not ask Mr Younger for alternative British missiles. Mr Younger stressed, however, that Britain would be willing to try to meet the kingdom's weapons needs. Prince Sultan said the Americans were free to make conditions, but the Saudis were also free, and would buy weapons wherever they wanted. He was waiting for the Reagan Administration to fulfil its promise to veto the Senate decision.

Israel to become third SDI ally

From Our Correspondent, Washington

Israel has become the third US ally — after Britain and West Germany — to join President Reagan's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) research programme. Mr Yitzhak Rabin and Mr Casper Weinberger, the Israeli and US Defence Ministers, on Tuesday signed a memorandum of agreement, or "guide lines", for participation by Israel. The memorandum, which is classified, is designed to provide "a comprehensive basis for laboratories, research establishments, companies and industries, or other entities" in the joining country to participate in development of the SDI research programme, a senior Pentagon official said. British and West German firms are competing with American companies for research contracts in the multi-billion-dollar SDI project, which the Reagan Administration hopes Japan and Italy will soon join. **JERUSALEM:** Israel has

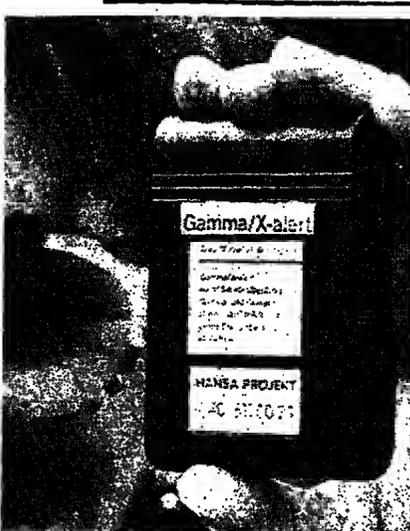
three main reasons for joining the SDI programme, and none of them has anything to do with possible Star Wars (Ian Murray writes). The first is political. By joining the project, Israel hopes to make its close alliance with the US even closer. Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister — who has had the embarrassment of discovering, according to Israeli diplomats, spying on the US, and of finding a reserve Israeli general accused of arranging to sell American arms to Iran — is aware that he needs to take every opportunity to prove that Israel is a loyal US ally. As an extension of this idea, Israel will now press for equal opportunities with European Nato countries in winning defence contracts. This shows that the second main reason for joining is economic. The third reason is strategic. With the exchange of technology permitted under the agreement, Israel hopes to be able to get research which can help counter the threat of Sam

Acquitted judge to face panel

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The Australian Government, moving to defuse a threatening political and constitutional crisis, yesterday announced a judicial inquiry into allegations of misconduct by Mr Justice Lionel Murphy of the High Court. Mr Lionel Bowen, the Attorney-General, told Parliament the inquiry would be conducted by a panel of three. Although the judge was acquitted last week, on appeal, of attempting to pervert the course of justice, further serious allegations hang over him. A policeman has claimed that Mr Justice Murphy asked him to act as an informant in return for promotion, and transcripts published yesterday of conversations between the judge and Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor, raise further questions. Through it all, however, Mr Justice Murphy has refused to resign, even though it is understood that a majority of his colleagues do not want him back on the bench.

After Chernobyl: Europe works out how to cope



A nuclear alarm the size of a cigarette pack has gone on sale in West Germany. Developed by the Israeli Nuclear Research Centre, the device was originally meant for workers at nuclear plants, and sounds an alarm at one millirem.

EEC extends food import ban list

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Senior EEC diplomats met yesterday to decide on the implementation of an EEC ban on food imports from areas of Eastern Europe affected by fallout from the Chernobyl disaster, but were unable to agree immediately on which countries and products to include in the prohibited list. Officials said the list, originally confined to six countries of the Soviet bloc, would be extended to Yugoslavia. Trade and consumer affairs ministers on Tuesday considered a proposal from the EEC Commission banning imports into Western Europe of fruit and vegetables, milk, fresh meat and other products from Soviet bloc countries within a 625-mile radius of Kiev. The ministers referred the proposal to technical experts, and it was discussed yesterday by EEC diplomats empowered to take decisions when the Council of Ministers is not in session. The next ministerial meeting is not until Monday, when foreign ministers meet in Brussels, by which time it may be too late to prevent the arrival in Europe of contaminated foodstuffs. Officials said serious differences had arisen over whether Austria, Yugoslavia, East Germany and Albania, which were all omitted from the original proposal, should be brought within the EEC's cordon sanitaire.

Britain argues that the EEC should act only on the basis of a strictly limited list of nations and products where there is scientific evidence for a ban, and should review the ban weekly to ensure that the restrictions are lifted as soon as possible. One diplomat said that although the EEC had to "err on the side of safety", such measures should not be an excuse for trade protectionism. Italy, which has already taken unilateral measures against imports from Eastern Europe and from fellow EEC states, insists that the ban should be comprehensive. Sources said West Germany had resisted attempts to place East Germany on the prescribed list.

Danes want plant in Sweden closed

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

A resolution calling on the Danish Government to demand that Sweden close its Barsebäck nuclear power station gained momentum in Parliament yesterday when it was supported by the leftist Opposition majority. After yesterday's first reading, the resolution is certain to be passed after its third reading by the end of the month. Barsebäck is just 12 miles from the Danish capital on the other side of the narrow Baltic straits. Yesterday's move coincided with the publishing of a report, which contained guidelines for public health authorities, by the Copenhagen-based European headquarters of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the consequences of last month's accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. WHO had called together radiation experts and scientists from 11 eastern and western countries to assess the dangers resulting from the accident and according to them, restrictions on food imports are now not generally justified on health grounds. WHO summoned the experts after many of the 33 countries in its European region appealed for advice in coping with increased radiation levels after the accident.

In the report, the experts expressed strong dissatisfaction with the Soviet Union for not giving sufficient or timely information on the accident. They called for improved international systems for monitoring nuclear fallout and better co-ordination between nations. They said there was now, generally speaking, no radiation danger outside the immediate area surrounding the disabled power station. They said that such precautions as avoiding going outdoors, gardening, drinking rain water and taking iodine tablets and banning the import of fresh food from eastern European countries — except the Soviet Union — were no longer necessary. The scientists also said that milk posed no general risk for infants and that breast feeding was safe. They warned however that radioactive rainfall may cause some restrictions in some areas. The lack of full information, however, made a proper assessment of the long-term consequences impossible, the group said.

Shoppers panic as blast hits store

Johannesburg — An explosion on the internal fire-escape of a supermarket in Benmore, an affluent white suburb of Johannesburg, caused a panic among lunchtime shoppers but no injuries (Michael Hornsby writes).

Black smoke billowed from a shattered first-floor window as police cordoned off the area and searched the building. The blast occurred at a branch of the Pick 'n Pay supermarket chain, and coincided with a sit-in by police by some 6,000 black employees of the company at more than 30 of its stores. The firm's branches were manned yesterday almost exclusively by whites. **Jail for water diet father** Melbourne (Reuter) — Marcus Barnes, the father of a three-year-old girl who died after being kept on a water diet for four weeks to cure a cold, was sent to jail for 18 months. Barnes, a nurse, and the child's mother, Joanne Eaton, aged 26, were found guilty of manslaughter. They practise natural medicine. **Briton scales Nepal peak** Katmandu (UPI) — A British woman and an American photographer have scaled the 22,240ft Kantega peak in east Nepal. Alison Hargreaves from Derbyshire, the only Briton among the 13-member American expedition, and Marc Twait, 25, from Seattle climbed the main peak through the difficult north west ridge. **Heart-lung woman dies** Scotsdale (UPI) — Mary Gohlke, the world's longest-surviving heart-lung transplant recipient, has died after a fall. She was 50. She survived more than five years with her new organs. **Indian bishop** New York — Bishop Donald Pelotte, an Algonquin, has been ordained as the first US Indian Roman Catholic bishop, four centuries after the first Christian missionaries reached the continent. **Atoll test** Wellington (Reuter) — The French exploded their second nuclear device for 1986 at the South Pacific test site on Mururoa Atoll.

US settles island land dispute

Koror, Palau (Reuter) — Authorities at a US missile base in the Marshall Islands said yesterday they have settled a long-standing land rights dispute with islanders. A spokesman at the base said that the dispute, which led to sit-in protests at the base on Kwajalein atoll, was solved through the intervention of the Marshall Islands President. Police evicted the islanders two weeks ago when they staged demonstrations at four sites in protest against a lease agreement and the atoll's use as a nuclear defence base. The islanders had gathered at nearby Ebeye island vowing to return to Kwajalein and repossess their ancestral land. The base spokesman said the islanders would be relocated elsewhere and given more money for leasing their land. They currently receive an annual payment of \$1,200 (£800) each. Kwajalein is part of the Marshalls group, a UN Trust Territory under US administration. The US wants to replace the trusteeship with a Compact of Free Association, which would guarantee US use of the range for at least 30 years.



Mayor Clint Eastwood of Carmel presiding over his first council meeting. Later, he fulfilled his election promise to allow more ice cream parlours in the California resort.

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Arms talks under a cloud

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

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abandoned its attempts to separate the US from its European allies. A visit to London last month by Mr Viktor Karpov, the chief Soviet negotiator, as well as the letter from Mr Gorbachev which Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the new Soviet Ambassador to London, delivered to Mrs Thatcher last week, were both intended to persuade Britain to hold separate talks with Moscow on freezing Britain's Polaris force at existing levels. Britain has brushed aside the Soviet overtures. Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US negotiator, said on arrival in Geneva that he was not bringing any new proposals to the negotiating table. In his arrival statement, Mr Karpov indicated that he was not bringing any new ideas either. Instead, he called on the US to respond to Mr Gorbachev's January 15 proposals. In these circumstances the chances of reaching an "interim agreement" on medium-range missiles — one of the stated objectives of last November's summit — which the two leaders could sign at their proposed next meeting do not look promising.

Politicians mourn Defferre

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Within hours of arriving back in Paris yesterday from the Tokyo summit, President Mitterrand flew to Marseilles to pay his last respects to his friend and loyal political supporter, Gaston Defferre, whose death he described as a great loss for France. M Defferre, aged 75, was Socialist Mayor of Marseilles for the past 33 years. News of his death brought in a flood of tributes from all parts of the political spectrum. M Jean-Claude Gaudin, president of the centre-right UDF in the National Assembly, described him as a great figure of French political life. M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist Prime Minister, said his disappearance caused him great personal sorrow. **Obituary, page 18**

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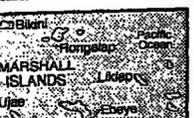
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Map showing the location of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands.

US eases gun control laws

Washington — Gun control law in the US is to be loosened in the first overhaul of the Gun Control Act in 18 years (Christopher Thomas writes).

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Terrorism and the Tokyo summit

Reagan is inspired by sense of unity

From Sarah Hogg and David Watts, Tokyo

The Tokyo summit has been the "most successful of the six I have attended". President Reagan said at a press conference before he returned to Washington yesterday.

Mr Reagan had been inspired by the "sense of unity" at the summit. He added: "All we sought to accomplish was achieved." Among the allies, "the marriage is happier than I've ever seen it".

Mr Reagan stressed several times in the course of the press conference shortly before he left Tokyo that future action against terrorism would be co-ordinated. "We together will decide upon what is most appropriate," he said.

However, he evaded a question on whether the French would in future grant overlying rights to US bombers. He said that "we can take whatever action is necessary," but denied that he was planning further missile attacks.

President Reagan also denied that the attack on Tripoli was intended to "get one man", although he added that he did not think "any of us would have shed tears if that had happened".

Questioned repeatedly as to what extra measures his allies had agreed to take, President Reagan said that their discussions at the summit had covered "all the things that could be seen as tools", but had not thought it appropriate to put some of them down in a statement.

Mrs Thatcher, too, had hinted in her press conference that the counter-terrorist declaration would lead to further measures.

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Mr Reagan stressed several times in the course of the press conference shortly before he left Tokyo that future action against terrorism would be co-ordinated. "We together will decide upon what is most appropriate," he said.

However, he evaded a question on whether the French would in future grant overlying rights to US bombers. He said that "we can take whatever action is necessary," but denied that he was planning further missile attacks.

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A well-pleased Mrs Thatcher at Heathrow yesterday on her return from the Tokyo economic summit.

As other summit leaders left, the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, addressed the Diet as part of his official visit. In his speech, and later in discussions with Mr Nakasone, he called on Japan to liberalize its markets and import Canadian wood and marine products.

With the departure of most of the delegations yesterday, the centre of Tokyo returned to a semblance of normality, while the headquarters of the Chukaku-Ha radical leftist faction which had threatened to destroy the summit was searched by police.

Ballot-rigging and violence mar Bangladesh poll

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday witnessed a massive nationwide effort to destroy any serious pretence of a return of democracy.

In the elections held to form a new Parliament reports from all round the country spoke of ballot boxes seized, polling booths captured by gangs of hoodlums, presiding officers terrorized and the forces of law and order rendered powerless.

Even before any vote had been counted it was clear that there was interference by gangs supporting the government-led Jatiyo Party on a grand scale.

It is reasonable to point out that in elections all over the sub-continent, and particularly in India, there are frequent reports of misbehaviour by political parties and by gangs of toughs anxious to subvert the democratic process.

What happened yesterday in Bangladesh was on a quite different scale, however. I visited the constituency of Dr Kamal Hossain, a farmer presidential candidate, in south-east Dhaka early yesterday morning. Polling was going on peacefully at the first polling station I called at in a Maniknagar primary school.

By 9.15 am, 196 men and 31 women had voted - around 7 per cent of the total - and a short queue had formed at the gate.

League, Dr Hossain's party, before proceeding inside and ejecting the League's agent watching the poll.

The men then seized the ballot forms and, stamping them in favour of the Jatiyo Party, stuffed the ballot boxes with them.

While this was happening, I arrived but was not allowed in by the policeman at the gate. When finally an Indian colleague managed to enter with Dr Hossain, the presiding officer tamely explained that he thought the agent being ejected was being "sent out by his friends," and that the men stuffing the boxes was normal procedure.

Later, driving through the same district I saw a running battle going on between supporters of the Jatiyo Party and another group too far away to see which party they belonged to. Both sides were wielding long bamboo poles seized from a building site, and some were brandishing knives and axes.

Out in the countryside, matters were if anything worse. In the Palash Narshindi constituency - an attractive area of small industries and rice and jute - I met a presiding officer whose polling station was invaded early in the day by some 25 thugs who drove out the agents of all the candidates except the Jatiyo Party, and voted 1,800 times.

"I did not want to be a presiding officer," he said unhappily. "I was forced to do it. I called for the police twice but no one came. I have not cancelled the polling here because if I do I shall have to go through all this all over again."

Ballot boxes were sealed at many other polling stations after invasion by gangs of thugs in unnumbered Jeeps. Leading article, page 17

Iraqi raid on main refinery in Tehran

Bahrain (Reuters) - Iraqi aircraft bombed Tehran's main oil refinery yesterday as an Iranian offensive was imminent on the southern Gulf war front.

Witnesses said an Iraqi jet dropped "a bomb as big as a car" on the refinery, starting a blaze which lasted for three hours.

A military communique in Baghdad said "squads of planes" attacked the 200,000 barrels-a-day complex, Iran's second biggest refinery, and "reduced it to ashes." But witnesses in Tehran said the fire was well away from the refinery's two vital catalytic cracking towers.

A second air raid alert was broadcast on Tehran radio four hours after the raid, and anti-aircraft fire was heard, but there was no sign of another attack.

Minister questioned: An Iranian Cabinet Minister and a number of other high-ranking officials are under interrogation in Tehran in connection with the assassination on August 30, 1981, of President Muhammad-Ali Rajai and the Prime Minister, Mr Javah Bahonar (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

The minister is Mr Behzad Nabavi, the current holder of the heavy industries portfolio who was, at the time of the killings, a Minister of State for Executive Affairs.

According to a Tehran daily, *Rassadat*, which has published, without comment, accounts of a new investigation into the affair, another of the suspects, Muhammad Muhammad, a former chargé d'affaires in Kabul, recently committed suicide while undergoing interrogation.

Also held, according to the same paper, is Khosroo Teherani, Iran's security chief until 18 months ago.

Japan oil suppliers reassured

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japan yesterday sought to assure its Middle East oil suppliers that its policy towards them had not changed despite the Tokyo summit declaration against terrorism, naming Libya as a major culprit.

Mr Shinzato Abe, the Foreign Minister, told the Lower House foreign affairs committee not to jump to conclusions. "We, as the summit host country, played a role of co-ordinating views. It is only natural for each summit country to make its independent decision based on its own treaties and domestic laws."

The declaration called for a ban on arms sales and curtailment of diplomatic ties with countries sponsoring terrorism. It specifically named Libya.

The Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, yesterday said Japan would act on its own in deciding whether or not to implement the measures.

Syrians linked to suicide bombings

US suspicions of Syria's complicity in bomb attacks and assassinations directed against the West were first voiced covertly - and then ever more publicly - after the suicide bombings of the US multinational force Marine base in Beirut on October 23, 1983.

CIA investigations into the slaughter, in which more than 240 American servicemen died, never produced the identity of the truck bomber who drove smiling into the Marine compound early that Sunday morning.

Senior US officials from Lebanon who met at a confidential seminar in Norway on the multi-national force last year were forced to admit that they still could not name the organization which planned the attack.

But the same officials laid great emphasis on Syria's "guilt" in obstructing the work of the four-nation international

army and on encouraging militias to attack it. American intelligence agents did claim later that they received information that Iraqis and Syrians had both been behind the Marine assault.

They said that several Iraqis had been trained in the Syrian town of Zabadaul on the Lebanese border and then sent into Lebanon to organize the bomb attacks.

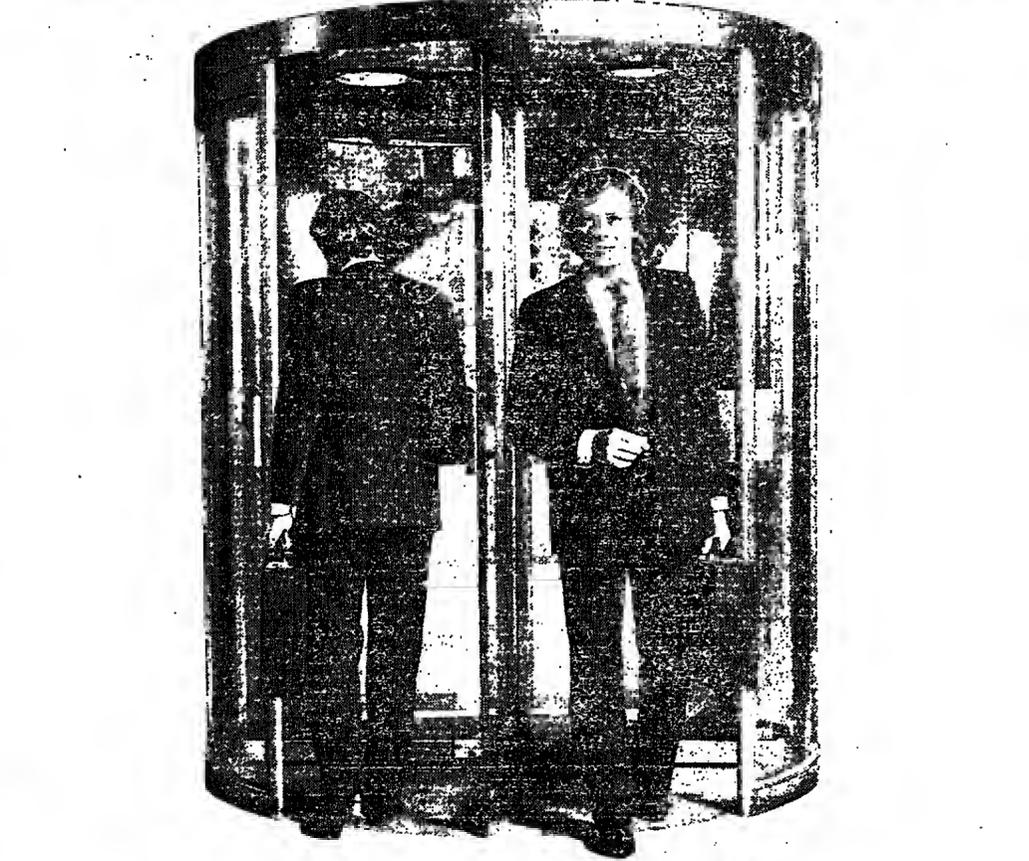
The closest the Americans have come to identifying Syria as a culprit in recent bomb attacks came only a few weeks ago when Greek police blamed a Lebanese woman member of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party for planting the bomb that exploded on a TWA flight over Argos.

The woman, who lives in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, and whose husband was a militiaman who died fighting in Lebanon, denied the charge.

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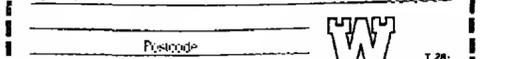
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5. Sangers Photographics* recom. PSG 26p
recent price 78p +200%
6. Parkfield Group* recommended PSG 10p
recent high 235p +2,250%
7. Ashley Industrial*
8. Unigroup* recommended PSG 41p
recent high 110p +168%
9. A & P Appledore
10. Tozer Kemsley* recommended PSG 24p
recent high 78p +225%

*a penny share on January 1st 1985
(prices current, February 1986)

Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future success, but as you can see, 7 of the top 10 had been recommended in PSG. Wire and Plastic twice in fact, so there was plenty of time for subscribers to buy. Two of the top ten, Regalion and Appledore, were NOT penny shares, the rest were, so again you can see how the leading rises were heavily weighted towards the 'penny share' sector. Unigroup, we can't really claim much credit for, because we did in fact suggest selling that well before the major rise occurred, but the essential point remains the sheer logic of the situation . . . 'penny' shares are far more likely to show the highest % rises in the market. Incidentally, the 1984 Daily Telegraph Race winners, Pentland Industries and Samuelson Group, both continued their upwards progress and finished only just outside the top ten for 1985, which goes to show that with 'penny' shares you need patience to give them time to perform in the first place, and patience to stay with them once they're into their stride.

A FINAL WORD ON 1985

The real excitement has obviously been at Wire and Plastic, which always were good solid value; hence our strong recommendation at 35p and 37p around the summer of 1984, but it took the 1985 arrival of Saatchi's finance director to get the shares motoring! Today they've been 310p! That just could not happen with an ICI — they might have moved a farthing on the news! With penny shares, one single, simple, solitary event can radically transform them — sometimes overnight . . . but not always overnight by any means. Pentland Industries for example, is today truly a legend and shows how a 'penny' share really can perform . . . given the time. In July 1978 we spotted them at the equivalent of *6½p, today they've been an incredible 320p, a 4,704% rise, reminiscent of Belleair and Polly Peck in their time. Similarly, Lanza too proved that 'penny' patience can be a virtue — their shares have risen from their original recommendation in our May '81 issue when they were the equivalent of **3¼p, to their recent 38p, much of it achieved in '85. This is the potential end the world of penny shares, truly a world apart from the rest of the market.

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Princely advice to stop youth violence in the age of automation

The Prince of Wales has called on youth to concern themselves with bringing out their "latent abilities" in people and thus help combat a drift into subcultures, alienation and violence.

From John Best, Vancouver

The young people attending the farewell dinner... "But what should concern us," he went on, "is how to bring out the latent abilities and talents so often hidden in the rest of us, or wasted. Those who are left out tend to retreat into subcultures governed by rituals of their own that can lead to alienation and even violence."

...I hope you'll value your heritage and learn from the mistakes of others. As an example of others' mistakes he cited the lack of foresightedness in the exploitation of the Amazon rain forests.



Mr Sadeq al-Mahdi (left), the new Prime Minister of Sudan, is congratulated after his election at the National Assembly.

Offer to rebels by Sudan Premier

Khartoum (Reuters) — Mr Sadeq al-Mahdi, voted in as Prime Minister by Sudan's parliament, has extended an olive branch to neighbouring Ethiopia and called on Addis Ababa-backed rebels in the south to negotiate a peaceful settlement.

Suharto family threat to sue over 'smear'

Jakarta (Reuters) — The family of President Suharto of Indonesia has issued a stinging rebuttal of corruption allegations published by The Sydney Morning Herald and has threatened to sue the journalist who wrote them.

great wealth in the style of former President Marcos of the Philippines was regarded as insulting by the Government here and triggered a diplomatic row between Australia and Indonesia.

Ethiopians admit defection at last

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The Ethiopian authorities have announced the defection of Dawit Wolde Giorgis — who, as head of the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, had the task of co-ordinating international aid for victims of the 1984 and 1985 famines there — six months after he left the country and failed to return.

Sabah Christian leader sworn in

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, leader of the Christian-dominated Sabah United Party, was sworn in as Chief Minister of Sabah yesterday within hours of his party's landslide victory in a mid-term State Assembly election.

The new Cabinet: Prime Minister and Home Affairs: Datuk Seri Mahathir Muhammad; Deputy Prime Minister and National and Rural Development: Chua Jui Sain; Finance: Mr. Balm Zainuddin; Public Works: Datuk Saamy Vellu; Labour and Manpower: Datuk Lee Kim Sui; Welfare Services: Datuk Abu Hassan Omar; Justice and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department: Datuk James Ongkili; Minister in the Prime Minister's Department: Datuk Khalil Yastob; Defence: Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi; Housing and Local Government: Datuk Chan Siang Surt; Foreign: Tunji Ahmad Ritsa; Trade and Industry: Tunji Razaleigh Hamzah; Transport: Datuk Ling Liong Sic; Primary Industries: Datuk Paul Loong; Energy, Post and Telecommunications: Datuk Leo Moggie; Public Enterprises: Datuk Rafidah Aziz; Education: Anuar Ibrahim; Land and Regional Development: Datuk Agh Adam; Information: Datuk Rais Yatim; Science, Technology and Environment: Datuk Stephen Yong; Health: Datuk Mok Hon Yuen; Federal Territory: Datuk Shahril Samad; Culture, Youth and Sport: Datuk Sulaiman Daud.

Police are 'closer' on Palme

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The chief of the Stockholm police, Mr. Hans Holmer, yesterday blated that there may have been an "international motive" behind the February 28 assassination of Mr. Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister.

Tax return sweetener for Spain

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's Socialist Government, which is seeking re-election next month, has postponed the deadline for making this year's income tax returns until after polling day in an attempt to avoid upsetting the electorate.

Jail preferred to bail

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Senior José María Ruiz-Mateos, former owner of Spain's biggest private holding company, Rumasa, until it was expropriated three years ago, said he will return to jail rather than put up 300 million pesetas (£1.4 million) bail, according to reports published here yesterday.

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New Costa Rica leader to convene summit on Contadora proposal

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

Dr Oscar Arias, who is being sworn in today as President of Central America's most democratic and stable nation, plans to use the occasion to project himself as a peacemaker in regional affairs.

After the inauguration festivities, his first act as President will be to convene a summit of the ten Latin American heads of state who have arrived here.

The summit will concentrate on the deadlocked Contadora peace proposal, and the leaders are expected to sign what is being termed a "declaration of peace".

However, Nicaragua's President Ortega will be absent. He said last week that he would not come for fear of demonstrations by Nicaraguan exiles and Contras living in Costa Rica.

Nicaragua is being represented by its newly-appointed ambassador, Señor Claudia Chamorro, who has little political influence.

Also absent will be US Vice-President George Bush who will attend the inauguration but leave just before the summit.

To the annoyance of Reagan Administration officials, Dr Arias opposed US military aid to the Contras, and has vowed to try to expel anti-Sandinista guerrillas from Costa Rican territory.

His task is not easy, because guerrillas have for three years operated across the northern border, and the US-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) is trying to increase its presence in Costa Rica.

However, Dr Arias has sought and found support from other Latin American countries.

In addition, Argentina and Peru are likely to help with police and security training and equipment, thus lessening Costa Rica's dependence on the US.

The disbursement of \$160 million (£107 million) in US aid, World Bank and International Monetary Fund cash has been suspended for months, a move which several Arias aides and press accounts interpret as a form of political retaliation.

However, the Costa Rican Central Bank president, Señor Eduardo Lizano, insists that the money is held for "purely technical reasons", including Costa Rica's failure to cut its public payroll, reduce government subsidy on basic grains, and substantially devalue its currency.

One of the first tasks of the Arias administration will be to try to negotiate a new standby agreement with the IMF to secure the release of the blocked funds.

Dr Arias said recently that

he fears that the US, which gives more aid per capita to Costa Rica than to any country except Israel, may retaliate by cutting its annual aid package.

This appears to be happening, with estimates that the current fiscal year's grants will total only \$130 million, compared with more than \$200 million last year.

Dr Arias's most concrete and probably difficult domestic task is to adhere to his campaign pledge to build 80,000 new public sector houses in the next four years. He has named one of his most competent and left-leaning supporters, Señor Fernando Zumbado, as Minister of Housing.

Señor Zumbado, a close adviser during the campaign, had been expected to receive a more important political post. But Dr Arias has filled the top foreign and security posts with party centrists or conservatives.

Despite his more independent foreign policy stand so far, his appointments have disappointed some left-wingers in his National Liberation Party.

NEW YORK: Costa Rica, with one of the highest per capita debts in the world, defaulted on its commercial bank loans by failing to make an interest payment last month, bankers said yesterday (Reuters reports).

They said Costa Rica failed to make a \$19 million interest payment on April 28 and did not settle the default within the five days allowed.

Pilot 'glad to be home'

From a Correspondent, Peking

The first Taiwanese commercial pilot to defect to China told foreign reporters at a press conference in the Great Hall of the People yesterday that he was glad to be in the motherland.

"People (in Taiwan) are subjected to severe mental pressure," said Mr Wang Xijue, aged 56, who on Saturday flew a Taipei-bound China Airlines Boeing 747 cargo jet to Canton, where he surrendered to Chinese authorities.

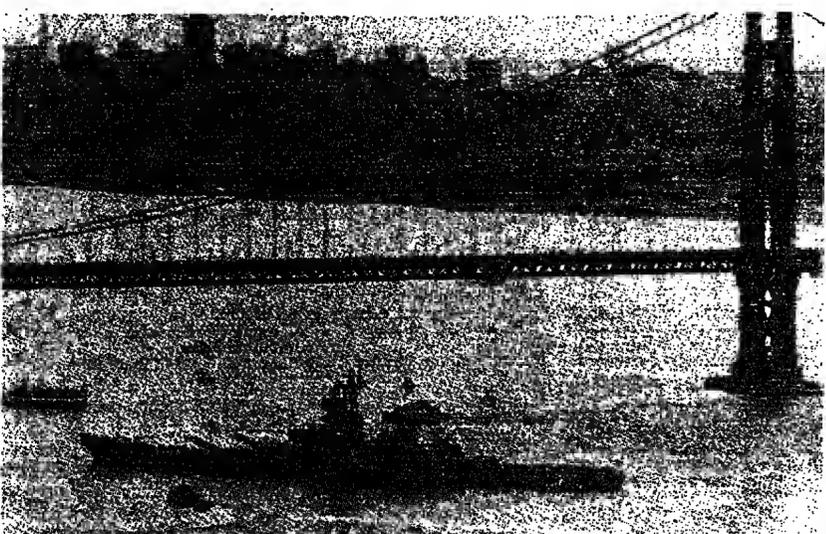
much for him and added: "There are corrupt officials in Taiwan, privileges are rampant, economic crises are numerous and traffic is chaotic."

Mr Wang left his wife of 30 years and his two children in Taiwan. His wife said she could not believe he would remain in China.

Meanwhile, Peking authorities insisted that China Airlines should send officials to Peking to meet representatives of the civil aviation administration of China to decide what to do with the aircraft.



Mr Wang Xijue: Pressure in Taiwan was too much.



The US battleship Missouri, on which the Japanese surrendered to end the Second World War, sails under the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco for a \$475 million overhaul and a return to active service after 31 years in mothballs.

Britain presses China for damages

From a Correspondent Peking

British and Chinese officials are holding the first round of high-level talks in a bid to resolve British claims against China, many of which pre-date the Communist revolution of 1949.

A five-member British delegation — representing the Bank of England, the Foreign Office and London's Council of Foreign Bond Holders — began a week-long series of meetings on Monday with representatives of the Chinese Foreign Ministry and Bank of China.

At issue are British Government corporate and private claims for loss of property and indemnities arising from the turbulent war years in China through the 1949 revolution and the early 1950s, when many foreign assets and properties were nationalized or confiscated by the new regime.

A British official in Peking declined to estimate the total amount involved but said the £192 million face value of outstanding Chinese Railroad Bonds held by British and US investors, as well as the bonds' accrued interest arrears totalling £132 million, represented "just one small part of what we're talking about".

The defaulted Chinese Railroad Bonds, issued between 1895 and 1937 and repudiated by the Communists after 1949, have attracted considerable attention in the West as the Government of Mr Deng Xiaoping seeks to borrow funds from Western capital markets for its modernization drive by floating new bond issues denominated in yen and deutschmarks.

Both the Bank of England and US banks have indicated they will attempt to block any sterling or dollar denominated issue by a Chinese borrower until the railroad bonds question is settled.

In Hong Kong the old bonds are auctioned as collectors' items.

US delegation: Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and a delegation of 32 US Government officials arrived here for the sixth annual meeting of the Sino-US joint economic committee.

Battle lines drawn in Rome

Fast food versus high fashion

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The most exquisite of Italy's great fashion designers will today challenge in a Rome court the right of the world's best-known purveyor of hamburgers to bring "noise and disgusting odours" to the elegant streets of the Piazza di Spagna.

McDonald's versus Valentino promises to be a battle between giants. But it will be more important for the social issues involved than for the legal question of whether large-scale frying which attracts the suburban crowds can be punished under the penal code, Valentino will satisfy a sizeable body of opinion if he succeeds.

The launching of a fast-food empire, the biggest of the worldwide McDonald's chain, provoked an extraordinary shock, more than the promoters can have foreseen. Some of the reasons are obvious enough.

The site is close to the Piazza di Spagna, which is not only one of Rome's most beautiful squares but a part of the city associated with highly cultivated living (or for that matter, dying, because it was there that Keats met his tragically early death).

Another obvious reason was that McDonald's opening coincided with the start of the period in which international terrorism and the United States became closely involved with each other, and so unthinkingly American an establishment looked like it might be an inviting target for the terrorists.

essential to a well ordered life. That ingenious form of hedonism could not survive the bitter reality that Rome was to become, in a remarkably short space of time after the war, the capital city of the world's seventh industrial power.

The third of the more obvious objections came from conservative-minded Romans who still relish the idyllic idea of their city as Europe's last stronghold of the lavish and lengthy lunch. The newspapers have been full of touching reminiscences of a happy childhood spent playing on the sun-wet Spanish Steps in the Piazza di Spagna and of the genuine smells emerging from the kitchens of the decorous little restaurants, which once perfumed old Rome.

The Roman lunch had become a rarer occasion, however, long before McDonald's entered the scene. In part a survival of European habits of two centuries ago, when heavy eating remained an afternoon and not an evening pursuit, the long lunch was kept here in its place of honour.

Eating in a hurry would also have threatened to upset the peaceful afternoon sleep that many Romans regarded as

What has all this to do with McDonald's descent on Piazza di Spagna? Almost everything, because McDonald's immediately became one of the centres for Italian young people to gather, many of them from the harsh background of unplanned suburbs.

By whatever is the apposite of a stroke of genius, the Rome authorities first placed an underground railway station in Piazza di Spagna and then went on to allow McDonald's to open a few hundred yards away.

The difficulty of trying to make fast food cohabit with the venerable tradition of the Italian lunch is symbolically illuminated by the Valentino complaint that the noise and smells upset his atelier which stands directly above the interloping burger chain. But the real issues go deeper than high fashion against fast eating.

The hope of finding work in Rome had much less substance than in cities such as Turin and Milan where industry was already established.



social transformation was that Rome, with notable reluctance, began to surrender something of its easy-going ways — though by no means all, as business people and industrialists still complain.

At the same time, the social changes brought a heavy migration into the cities from the countryside and from the South, an experience which gave to Rome in a special sense among the cities a variety of social problems.

Law Report May 8 1986

Council's duty of care in inspecting foundations

Jones and Another v Stroud District Council

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment given May 7]

Where a claim was brought against a local authority for negligence arising out of the approval of plans for the erection of a building and failure to inspect the foundations at the time of erection, and the building was "doomed from the start" there was no breach of the authority's duty of care, and consequently the cause of action against the local authority did not arise, until the condition of the property gave rise to danger to the health or safety of persons present on the premises.

The exception of a building doomed from the start was limited to extreme cases of gross defects which were likely to be disclosed almost immediately.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mr Alfred Jones and Mrs Jillian Jones, from a decision of Mr Victor Wellings, QC, sitting as an official referee, given on May 23, 1984 that the plaintiffs' claim against Stroud District Council, the successors to Stroud Rural District Council, for negligence and breach of statutory duty in approving plans for the erection of a house at Edge, Gloucestershire, was statute-barred.

Mr Christopher Symons for Mr and Mrs Jones; Mr Philip Naughton for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the house was built in 1964, since when it had suffered damage by subsidence.

The plaintiffs had bought it in 1975. At about the end of 1976 Mr Jones had noticed for the first time that the corner of one bedroom had started to move away.

At about the beginning of 1977 the plaintiffs had instructed a chartered engineer. He had expressed the opinion that the main cause of the damage to the house was subsidence of the subsoil because of the extreme climatic conditions of 1976, the footings were bearing on materials susceptible to subsidence: weakness in the basic construction concept and water penetration to the underside of the concrete footings.

The plaintiffs had decided to have work done which would both remedy the damage and effect further improvements and additions. Their scheme of work had been carried out by a firm controlled by Mr Jones.

been negligent and that the damage was directly attributable to that failure, the judge had based his decision that the claim was statute-barred on the speech of Lord Fraser of Tullybetton in *Pirelli General Cable Works Ltd v Oscar Faber & Partners* [1983] 2 AC 1.

It appeared that the judge had decided the issue of limitation on two alternative grounds: that some significant movement of material had probably occurred before 1975, and therefore more than six years before the issue of the writ, or that by reason of defective foundations the house had been "doomed from the start" and was certain to endanger the health if not the safety of the occupiers so that the cause of action arose in 1964 when the house was built.

Considerable assistance was to be derived from *Investors in Industry Commercial Properties Ltd v South Bedfordshire District Council* [The Times, December 31, 1985; [1986] 1 All ER 787]. To the five propositions set out in that case by Lord Justice Slade it was necessary to add a sixth based on Lord Fraser's speech in the *Pirelli* case to the effect that time ran against the owners as a class, and if time ran against one, it also ran against his successors in title.

It followed from those propositions, and in particular Lord Justice Slade's third proposition, that until the condition of the property gave rise to danger to the health or safety of persons present on the premises no breach of the duty of care had taken place and accordingly no cause of action had arisen.

It had been argued that it would be unjust if the cause of action against the local authority were to arise in a particular case at a later date than the cause of action against the builder because that might affect

the right of the local authority to recover against the person primarily responsible for the damage.

The answer was that that the obligations of the local authority and the builder were not co-terminous. In many cases an action for negligent work might lie against a builder where there was no claim in whatever against a local authority.

Unless the doctrine of "doomed from the start" applied, no cause of action arose against the local authority until some time after the end of the drought in 1975.

It was to be remembered that in *Pirelli* the chimney was built with defective material so that on one view the cracks which appeared a few months after completion were inevitable.

It seemed that Lord Fraser intended to limit his exception to extreme cases where the defects were likely to be disclosed almost immediately. The words were not intended to apply to such a case as the present where the defect, although serious, might not have led to any danger to health or safety for many years.

The view that the "doomed from the start" exception was limited to gross defects and to rare cases in accord with what Lord Fraser had said in *Pirelli* and with the judgment of Lord Justice Lawton in *Kereman v Hansel Properties Ltd* [1984] 1 WLR 1274, [1984] 2 All ER 1288, as well as with the judgments of experienced official referees at first instance.

In those circumstances the plaintiffs had a claim against the local authority and it was not statute-barred. The appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Fox agreed. Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Rowberry Morris, Gloucester.

Summary of wages book insufficient

Oliver v Northampton Borough Council

A summary extract of accounts in a wages book could not be described as the equivalent of the wages book or its computer equivalent for the purposes of section 17(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann) so held on April 28, allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the Northampton Justices, brought by the applicant, Mr John Oliver, who sought to inspect the wages books relating to employees engaged by an entertainment centre which had been set up by the council.

The appellant contended that a summary of accounts which gave only the gross receipts of the employees did not comply with section 17(1) of the Act.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that what had to be revealed under accounts were books or computer records relating both to gross and net payments to employees.

The statutory language seemed to be quite compulsive. That might be unfortunate because private matters might be revealed by persons who were under no obligation of confidentiality, but his Lordship was quite unable to say that a summary extract complied with the requirements of the section.

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40	2,500	1,000	3,500	6,000	2,100	8,100
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Preacher of the liberation gospel

THE TIMES PROFILE

ALLAN BOESAK

There was an expectant stir in the congregation packed into a church in a coloured (mixed-race) suburb of Cape Town one day last January as Dr Allan Boesak, most magnetic of the new breed of turbulent priests...

Earlier in the day, President P.W. Botha had opened Parliament - a body with segregated chambers for whites, coloureds and Indians, but no seats for the African two-thirds of the population...

His text was taken from the first book of Samuel, chapter 5, verses 1-6, and told how the Philistines had taken the ark of God and set it up in the house of Dagon...

In his closing catechism on the evils of the Botha government, Dr Boesak returned to his opening theme, promising his cheering audience repeatedly that "Dagon will fall".



Fiery performer: Allan Boesak, the most magnetic of South Africa's turbulent priests

thinks of the role that just one man, D.F. Malan, played in their own history - a reference to the DRC pastor who in 1948 became the first prime minister of the apartheid era.

ever, with the movement's emphasis on blackness per se, and could not accept that a white, simply by virtue of his colour, was rendered incapable of identifying with the black man's struggle.

on the eve of a protest march that he was to have led to Pollsmoor Prison outside Cape Town to demand the release of its most famous inmate, the ANC's Nelson Mandela.

BIOGRAPHY

- 1946: Born on February 23, at Kakamas in north-eastern Cape, the seventh child of eight children of schoolmaster father and seamstress mother.
1963-67: Studies for the priesthood at the Bellville theological seminary in Cape Town.
1968: Ordained as a minister in the Sendingkerk the coloured branch of the Dutch Reformed Church, and assigned to a congregation in Paarl.

cy of foreign economic disinvestment in South Africa and a boycott of schools. If he were found guilty of the former, it would set an interesting precedent in view of last month's call - by Bishop Tutu, soon to become Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa - for punitive economic sanctions.

Yet for all that, he insists, the Church's duty to warn against counter-violence is greatest precisely when its use seems theoretically most justified. "I really don't believe that violence can ultimately solve problems", he says.

Boesak, born in the small rural town of Kakamas in the semi-desert of the north-eastern Cape, was the seventh of eight children of a school-teacher father and a seamstress mother.

After studying theology at the University of the Western Cape, he was ordained as a minister in Paarl, in the heart of Cape wine-growing country. It was there he met his wife, Dorothy, a teacher and a member of his congregation.

Early last year a smear campaign, started apparently by members of the security police, who had been keeping him under surveillance for political reasons, forced Boesak to admit to the existence of "a relationship" with a white woman who worked as an official in the South African Council of Churches.

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Michael Hornsby

GRAND WINES AT PETIT PRICES. IT'S WHAT KEEPS FRANCE IN SUCH GOOD SHAPE. THE VICTORIA WINE COMPANY. Includes wine labels for Cotes du Roussillon, Chabrieren 1985, Minervois 1985, etc.

Keeping the Lakes in trim. The popularity of Britain's best known area of natural beauty has created a severe problem for the National Trust. Includes a crossword puzzle titled 'CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 945'.

BOOKS

See life as it really is

Elaine Feinstein

AN AFTER DINNER'S SLEEP By Stanley Middleton

THE GOOD MOTHER By Sue Miller

ELLA By Dee Phillips

Alastair Murray, the man in his sixties at whose door Eleanor has presented herself...

Sue Miller's novel is also rooted in the concerns of ordinary life but, since it is set in the United States...

able to conquer her only feelings of jealousy, and willingly arranges her own life around her child's welfare.

What neither she (nor the reader) predicts, is the way this relationship comes to precipitate a court battle for the custody of the child.

In a context where sexuality as a positive good is taken so completely for granted, it is quite difficult to remember how very far this was from being the case as recently as the Fifties.

New voice of our old Empire

Peter Ackroyd on a historical novel that goes to the roots of history

AN INSULAR POSSESSION By Timothy Mo

reports or private letters, diary entries or intimate conversations. There are occasional false notes, but the delight he takes in creating these heterogeneous styles is successfully communicated and therefore shared.

He is a great impersonator, in other words, but it is not a question merely of pastiche. It has been said that a novelist should not undertake a work which does not educate either himself or his readers...

surrounds him with its own mystery; it is like an echo-chamber, in which his own voice is magnified.

Clearly he decided to write a "big" book at the same time; but if it displays a Victorian scale it also acquires a contemporary significance.

His is a complex imagination, as well of which mockery and obliquity are the two most important elements.

Everyone is sketching or capturing their own special scene, just as each character is a prisoner of his or her own particular verbal style.

This sense of change is in fact evoked by the novel's consistent use of the present tense - apparently very much like Chinese fiction, which is described here as "occurring in an immediate present" so that there is "no sense of recession or distance from the past, or superiority to it."



Caviare for General Classic

Peter Jones

THE OXFORD HISTORY OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD Edited by John Boardman, Jasper Griffin, and Oswyn Murray

Can this be the hardback bargain of the decade? With nearly 900 large, glossy pages, 10 maps, 16 full-colour pages, over 250 other illustrations and 30 scholarly contributors...

misgivings. The categories into which classical history is divided (mostly "literature", "history", "art" etc.) are the sort of unimaginative and restrictive stereotypes from which we really ought to be getting away.

"Greek Art" can all discuss myth without making reference to each other, and the chapter on "Drama" can get away with no reference to myth at all.

More importantly, the book advertises itself as resolutely populist, being addressed to the fine old trooper, General Reader.

John Ashbery is the Salvador Dali of contemporary verse in English - by which I mean that, he is a master draughtsman who has designs on his audience to convince us that he is really a genius.

The poet in cloud of smoke

POETRY Robert Nye

Each servant stamps the reader with a look. After many years he has brought nothing. The servant's smile is the reader's patience.

What is remarkable about him is that, having said all this, I still have to say that the work in his Selected Poems (Carcanet, £16.95) often has a quality of pure mesmerism.

ing the reader back. Instrumental in this process are of course our brief and mostly didactic passages which can immediately be understood.

What it comes down to is this, perhaps: that Ashbery's work intrigues because it concentrates a playfully profound imagination upon the whole problem of meaning and identity, and comes up with no answers, only alternative questions in the form of verse that in a sense replaces the joys and anxieties that inspired it.

personal truth from all the accents and accidents of its saying, with a result that while he has no single "voice" he often rises to an unquestionable authority of tone.

The poem is sad because it wants to be yours, and cannot be.

What's a plain level? It is that and other things. Bringing a system of them into play, play?

Ashbery has been compared with Wallace Stevens, hailed even as a "philosophical" thinker. I regard this as a serious misrepresentation of his gifts.

Snob who made a go of life

Woodrow Wyatt

AUGUSTUS HARE Victorian Gentleman By Malcolm Barnes

In The Story of My Life Augustus Hare repeats a story told him by Lady Wisstanley about Samuel Rogers, the poet.

Rogers met Lord Dudley at one of the foreign watering-places, and began in his vain way, "What a terrible thing it is - how one's fame pursues one, and that one can never get away from one's own identity! Now I sat by a lady the other night, and she began, 'I feel sure you must be Mr Rogers.' 'And were you?' asked Lord Dudley.

Hare collects anecdotes and ghost stories from the rich and socially eminent whom he assiduously head-hunted. He was the very best kind of snob, choosing the most beautiful and most comfortable houses to be invited to and giving excellent value in return for hospitality.

romantically attached. His family lived in it for less than 100 years, but he spoke and wrote of it as though they had been there for centuries.

Maria was the widow of another Hare clergyman, and she believed in breaking the spirit of children to make them acceptable to God.

Augustus Hare's parents were feckless, extravagant wanderers abroad, mainly in Italy. The birth of Augustus, their fifth child, in 1834 was an unwanted burden.



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THE TIMES DIARY

Waldheim charge

In a new allegation against Kurt Waldheim, Labour MP Geoffrey Robinson claims that he was allegedly involved in the deaths of two British commando prisoners in the last war. The claim is the subject of an early day motion debate in the Commons. In it, Robinson alleges that Waldheim initiated reports of the German army's interrogation in Salonica of a POW named Fishwick, who died in a concentration camp, and Sgt John Dryden, who disappeared without trace. Robinson says Waldheim initiated the reports in the German Army Group E's Department in Salonica. Meanwhile in America, extremist groups comprising American Jews of Greek extraction have threatened to kill him if he sets foot there.

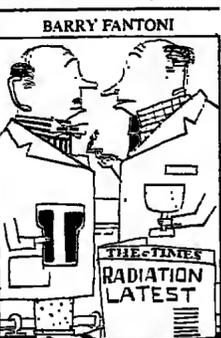
As the chairman of British Airways seeks over the delay in privatization I hear that senior management are calling Heathrow "King's Cross".

Diorama drama

The charity dedicated to preserving Nash's Diorama in Regent's Park - not far from St John's Lodge - yesterday made its first legal breakthrough against the Crown Commissioners. The Commissioners want to turn the Grade One listed building, built in 1832 to house Louis Daguerre's prototype cinema into luxury flats and in January won a summary judgment for possession. Yesterday in the High Court the umbrella charity planning to restore the Diorama as a theatre and cinema museum won an appeal, and the case will now go to a full hearing probably next year. Hours after the decision, news came through that the relevant post-GLC quango had turned down the Commissioners' application for planning permission for residential conversion. Two years ago a public inquiry forbade them from turning the Diorama into offices. Fred Reynolds, of the charity, told me: "This is the best news we have had in our campaign to keep the building open to the public."

Brief encounter

Midnight visitors at a remote Little Chef near Doncaster earlier this week could have been forgiven for believing they were witnessing a scene straight out of a Le Carré thriller. Two men, accompanied by bodyguards, emerged from separate limousines to exchange muffled words before swapping vehicles and roaring off in opposite directions. Nothing sinister. They were Norman Fowler, Social Services Secretary, being whisked north from West Derbyshire for the morning press conference at Ryedale, and Kenneth Baker (Environment) heading south from Ryedale to do the same in West Derbyshire.



What concerns me is the safety level of Kenneth Baker's statements

Priorities

Funny folk, our elected representatives while a mere three MPs have signed early day motions on Chernobyl, 15 have put their names to an EDM congratulating snooker champion Joe Johnson and 38 to another thanking Castleford and Hull Kingston Rovers for providing such splendid entertainment in the Rugby League final.

Brotherly

The only non-Liberal candidate fighting for the Alliance in the 23-seat Southwark and Bermondsey local government elections is SDP candidate Jamie Hughes, brother of local Liberal MP Simon.

Brass tacks

The muck slung in the West Derbyshire by-election campaign was mild compared to that in 1944. Reporting on the fight, between the Duke of Devonshire's son, Lord Hartington (Tony), and local lad Charlie White (Idd), The Times wrote: "During recent meetings, Lord Hartington has been asked several times if he can milk a cow. He said yesterday that he was tired of being asked this question from the opposition; but he challenged Alderman White to shovel muck at any farm in West Derbyshire that Alderman White cared to choose. The loser could give 25 to the Red Cross." To those wartime days of petrol rationing, Lord Hartington went electioneering by pony and trap, while his agent, Major Twyford, rode round on the tyn of Papyrus, a Derby winner. It didn't work: Charlie White, who hoofed it, emerged victorious.

PHS

Vote—and keep Whitehall out

by David Walker

The man in Whitehall knows best. One of the odder aspects of recent politics has been the conversion of this liberal anti-statist government to the doctrine of civil service infallibility.

A Cabinet which draws its intellectual sustenance from Hayek and Harris (of Highcross) is also an administration of centralizers. Ministers once set on "de-privileging" the permanent secretaries now appear to believe their capable of huge feats of managerial competence.

They believe Treasury officials who claim to know that a council 300 miles from London should be spending such and such a centrally-determined amount. They even think that Whitehall can deliver better health, education and transport services than town and county halls.

The point is not whether criticism of council effectiveness or efficiency is justified. It often is. But where does that unalloyed faith in central bureaucracy come from? It is because (say ministers in private conversation) civil servants are cleverer.

Cleverer they may be, but to hold up Whitehall as the epitome of management skills! How many permanent secretaries have Harvard MBAs; how many had any

preparation at all for senior management?

Last week P.A. the management consultants, gave the Home Secretary a report which identified "waste" of up to one fifth in the cost of running the prisons. Look at the National Health Service. Financially soundly run? Hardly.

Patently a straight comparison cannot be made between ideal types of central and local administration. But just set aside by side with council functions the running of the Metropolitan Police, social security and the Manpower Services Commission. Are they such convincing examples of the efficient management of scarce, tax-generated resources? Are they an advertisement for further centralization?

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But national Diktat will not work. Whitehall targets cannot ensure that the public gets full value from the £1,700 spent each year per household on schools, roads, libraries and the rest. Redeployment of people and building cannot be secured by direction from above. Local factors should determine local services: local geography, the pattern of private sector provision, local enthusiasms... all should all be taken into account in deciding, for example, which schools are to close when rolls fall.

In a series of reports, John Banham of the Audit Commission has demonstrated that councils can cut spending without cutting services. Comparisons with the private sector show that in refuse collection and transport the best 25 per cent of councils are fully cost competitive.

Agreed, some councils - Liverpool, Lambeth - are badly managed. But the cause is insufficient local accountability. There are three weaknesses in the way councillors can be forced to tackle management problems more effectively. First, finance. Banham has ar-

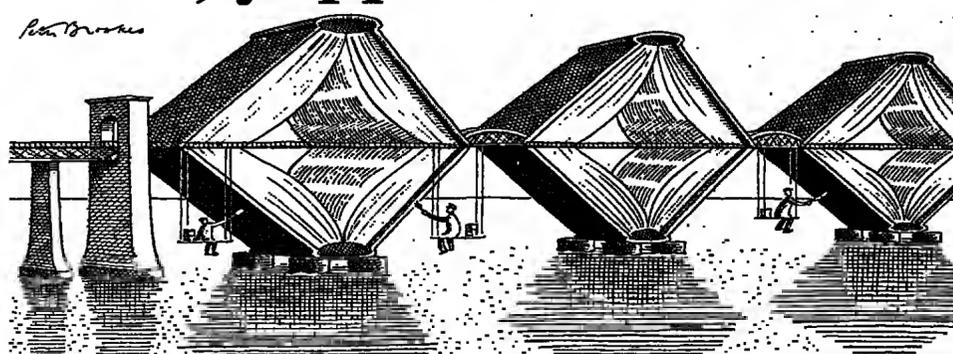
gued that government grant should be paid to far fewer councils and so make local market forces (ie local voters) determine the level of spending. If people want above-average levels they should meet the cost themselves.

Next, information. At present, council accounts are not available until six to nine months after the end of the financial year. But electors should not be kept in the dark. Every year comprehensive statistical profiles of the council should be made available in every public library. Accounts should present performance yardsticks. Draft budgets should be presented, widely before final decisions are taken. The scope for creative accounting needs to be much reduced so that, for example, transferring revenue spending to capital account does not mask a failure to take difficult decisions.

The district auditor should be given greater powers, perhaps issuing reports before, not after, councils take silly or illegal spending decisions. But there is a last step. It is one which voters need to take into the polling booth to pass judgement on their councillors. Without that participation local government will be replaced by central administration, to the ultimate disadvantage of us all.

Task eternal: Philip Howard dips into the book of the century

Yetis, yuppies and wimmin



The careful journalist avoids superlatives, which tend to be value judgements. But what the hell? Today the greatest English book this century is finally published, the crown of a work started in 1858, the last word for the present on the Queen's English, dedicated with permission to the Queen, the record of our language and (because language is man's distinctive attribute) our life.

Its title *Se-Z* is boring; but its contents are not. It is the fourth and final volume of *A Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary* (Oxford, £90). *Se* is an ancient Chinese plucked musical instrument with 25 strings, somewhat similar to the zither. The last word in the great work is *Zyrian*, the Komi tribe and its language from the northern central USSR.

Between them lie the new words and meanings of our century, copiously illustrated by quotations from our best and not-so-good writers, and echoing in language the world earthquake of our times. The book has deep roots. It started with a paper to the Philological Society in 1857. In 1878 James Murray took on the active preparation of the dictionary, with instructions from the Delegates of the Press to complete it in 10 years. Few editors of large historical dictionaries live to see *Z*, and Murray died before the final volume appeared in 1928.

An unsatisfactory *Supplement* appeared in 1933. Then the dictionary languished, though the language did not, until 1957, when a young New Zealand don, Robert Burchfield, was appointed to prepare a new *Supplement*. The Delegates and he reckoned that a single volume of about 1,275 pages would do the job, to be completed within seven years. But they had reckoned without the quantum leap that was going on as English became the world language, and the lexical profusion of the new sciences and jargons.

Here we are 29 years later with four volumes, more than 50,000 new words divided into hundreds of thousands of senses, 500,000 citations from printed sources, 6,000 pages, our English recorded. It has been worth waiting for. *Se-Z* records and illustrates the new language of our generation, from *spunk* to *yuppie*, and from *Watergate* to *young fogey*, who was exciting bored ridicule as long ago as 1909. Following the practice introduced by Dr Johnson, the *Supplement* cites the best writers of our century as well as the earliest printed users of a word; so that for example we find Rose Macaulay comparing *Wrac* to the camp-followers of previous centuries: "Now the women who go with armies are not encouraged to be so useful to them, they are called *Aits* and *Wrears* and *Waafs* and *Wraes* and are kept behind the battle lines and are only a small consolation to the troops." *Wimmin* was introduced into English by H. G. Wells and Grumpy out of *Snow White* and the *Seven Dwarfs* (where I find my first misprint), neither of them an obvious feminist.

The *Times* is held responsible for the introduction into English of *sensationalization*, *unsocial hours*, *situation* in its wessel-word use, as in "the coal situation", *up-market*, *yeti*, though we had to wait 14 years for the cross-reference to Abominable Snowman, and I am ashamed to say in a piece I wrote, *shambolic*.

It is awesome to watch all the old methods of word formation spawning as prolifically as the cod. *Wysivyg* is an acronym from our brave new jargon of VDUspeak: *What You See Is What You Get*. It is still how difficult it has been to find early oriented evidence for common phrases, such as in *no uncertain terms* (1958), *to wear the trousers* (1931), and *to fall by the wayside* (not until 1965 after Luke vii 5). The Oxford lexicographers have been unable to track inability to run a wheel stall as a pejorative comment on somebody's competence further back than to John Burns in 1894.

There are two principal reasons for the unexpected magnitude of the *Supplement*: the systematic treatment of the jargon of every academic discipline from atomic physics to linguistics; and the open-door policy to other Englishes from around the world.

Murray, working from the apex of the British Empire (if his Scriptorium, first at Mill Hill and then in North Oxford, can properly be so described), fended off overseas words until they had become firmly entrenched in British use, treating them like illegal immigrants. His successor, born and educated at Wanganui, New Zealand, has a more liberal and realistic attitude to overseas Englishes and loanwords from foreign languages.

I think Burchfield is also more permissive, as we all are, about demotic language such as a *right Charlie*. "I find all that *cobblers* embarrassing" and "without wishing to cast *nasturtiums*".

He has notoriously recognized some of the oldest and dirtiest words in the English language. You can look for those yourselves, if you must. I do ask myself whether the Wang Corporation knows what *wang/wahng* now means in some circles. There has been no discernible public reaction to the inclusion of the famous four-letter and other sexual words. Homosexual vocabulary in print remains difficult to trace, despite the liberalization of attitudes; it is still a coded argot.

The linguistic climate of the last 30 years, in particular structuralism under its arch-prince Noam Chomsky, has been unfavourable to historical lexicography. Structuralists argue that one must examine language synchronically; the history of words, they say, is theoretically unsound. One must analyse the grammar of such sentences as *Colourless green ideas sleep furiously*, and ignore the past roots of language. One must distinguish between *langue* and *parole*.

Such an approach would have

been inconsistent with Murray's parent volumes. And it was unlikely to appeal to Burchfield, whose early work included transcribing the text of the *Ormulum*, 20,000 lines of versified homilies, written in the late 12th century in the East Midlands by an Augustinian canon called Orm, and of great linguistic interest. Also (although this is frivolous) structuralist grammar is less fun to read than the rich, messy, gossipy history of words.

There has been continual pressure, including anonymous death threats from groups wishing to suppress racial vocabulary or to remove male chauvinism from the language. A famous judgement in the High Court upheld the determination of the OED to record unfavourable senses of *Jew*, not because it is anti-semitic, but because its scholarly function is to record English as it is, not as we should like it to be.

There have been running skirmishes over trademarks and names, from Yale locks to resounding victory in a colossal tug-of-war with Weight Watchers Inc. The language belongs to all of us who use it, and nobody can make a monopoly of a word of it, not even the Oxford lexicographers (though Robert Maxwell found himself prohibited by law from calling one of his publications *The Pergamon Oxford Dictionary of Perfect Spellings*).

Making dictionaries is like painting the Forth Bridge. Since the first volume of the *Supplement* appeared 14 years ago, enough new words have already come into the language to fill another volume. The completion of the *Supplement* and the introduction of computers and other technologies mean that the OED, which nearly foundered after 1933, will carry on recording English continuously for as long as it is spoken. The mighty river of English flows on. And its great historical dictionary navigates with it, issuing its latest but by no means its last report today.

Arabs adrift in a Washington desert

Washington It is a time of deep despondency for Arab ambassadors here. What influence they had is waning further in the face of falling oil prices, the administration's obsession with Libya and the cumulative acts of terrorism that have besmirched all the Arab states, however innocent.

Against the background of Gaddafi-supported terrorism and anti-American demonstrations in the Arab world, the administration has shown little interest in further thanless diplomacy. There are no plans to revive the moribund US effort to bridge Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian delegations towards talks. A general pessimism and weariness has settled over the officials dealing with the Middle East; the immediate concern is to combat extremist. Wary of again getting burnt after his disastrous Lebanon policy three years ago, George Shultz, the Secretary of State, has effectively left the Arabs to stew in their own juice.

Ironically both President Reagan and Shultz came to office determined to take an even-handed approach in the Middle East and to encourage pro-western Arab moderates. Both fell down, humiliated by radicals such as Syria and frustrated by the

collapse of the 1982 peace plan and initiatives in Lebanon. As disagreements between Arab leaders grew, US anger over terrorism rose. When Shimon Peres replaced the intransigent Menachem Begin as Israeli prime minister, sympathies veered sharply towards Israel.

Meanwhile the public perception of the Arabs, which improved after President Sadat's Jerusalem trip and the Camp David agreement, has worsened. Arabs are commonly regarded as feckless and unreliable. "Non-violence is foreign to the political culture of the Arabs generally, and of the Palestinians particularly," the publisher of the *New Republic* wrote recently. "It is a failure of the collective imagination for which no one is to blame." A children's television cartoon - a crude but effective measure of popular stereotypes - recently portrayed a fat shaiikh in league with a devious Russian as two villains cheating at baseball.

Even Saudi Arabia, America's staunchest friend in the Arab world, is now being blamed for the fall in oil prices, which has hit Texas hard. The Saudis, it is being said, are trying to drive US oil producers out of business and thus increase US dependence on im-

ported oil. And on the subject of arms sales to Arab countries, Congress has just voted against a relatively minor deal with Saudi Arabia, even though Israel and its influential lobby group, the American-Israeli Public Affairs Council, take a neutral stance.

Of course the influence of the Israel lobby cannot be ignored in American politics. It is well-known that strong-arm tactics have been used to uphold Israel's interests in Congress. Paul Findley, a former congressman targeted by the lobby for being pro-Arab, wrote a book last year on ways that pro-Israeli activists ensured their opponents' defeat. But the Arab world tends to blame its difficulties on "the Jewish lobby", glossing over the cycle of misunderstanding that has contributed to today's mutual mistrust.

A group increasingly caught in the middle are those Americans of Arab descent, numbering between three and four million. Open hostility has increasingly been shown to Arab immigrants, especially those newly arrived. The Arab communities in Michigan and California have reported vandalism and random attacks against them and last year there was a series of bomb attacks - one fatal - on Arab activists.

The National Association of Arab Americans, which campaigns for a more even-handed Middle East policy, has said that one consequence of Gaddafi terrorism is that Arab-Americans are now seen as unpatriotic. Former Senator James Abourezk, chairman of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, recently had a cheque for a Kennedy campaign returned by aides fearful of accepting money from any Arab-sounding source.

State Department Arabists acknowledge that Arab interests are hardly heard nor hardly heard. A former member of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Council argues that Washington is now so pro-Israel that radical sentiment in the Middle East might be further inflamed. Newspaper writers have suggested that ignorance of the Arab world might lead America into actions which would damage its effectiveness as a mediator.

Most professional Middle East watchers predict that eventually a new US attempt will be made to tackle the fundamental Palestinian grievances. But for now, Libyan terrorism has set the US on another course.

Michael Binyon

Ronald Butt Can Kinnock do a Wilson?

There is a whiff of 1964 in the air reminiscent of the change in the political climate which heralded the election of the Tories 22 years ago by Labour under Harold Wilson. It is only a whiff but John Biffen, with his acknowledgement of Labour's renaissance, has plainly scented it, and his political nose is acute. How real the comparison with 1964 is may be a little clearer after today's by-election results, even though it is the Alliance, and not Labour, which is the challenger. But it may be more instructive to examine the historical parallels than to build psychological castles in the sands of today's results.

Among the many similarities between now and then is that between the two Labour leaders, both Harold Wilson and Neil Kinnock rose by bidding for the support of the left. Both revelled in their rising years wooed left-wing audiences with anti-American utterances or denunciations of the Pentagon, and Wilson, though not a unilateralist, challenged Gaitskill on the grounds that he should not fight the party conference over unilateralism. As leaders, however, both tried to shift their party away from fundamentalist socialism; after mollifying the left with the bogus undertaking to "negotiate" Polaris Wilson kept it, though Kinnock is unlikely to have that sort of success today.

Again, there is similarity in the emergence of both to wider popularity. Tories remembering Wilson's *inuendos* during the Bank Rate "leak" case, said the country would never vote for such an unpleasing little man. But Wilson's pipe-puffing homeliness had wide appeal. Today, Kinnock, at first ridiculed as a Welsh windbag, is achieving popularity by a humorous candour of style and fighting the Militants.

But much more striking than the personalities is the similarity between the political and social climate then and now. In the early 1960s there was a huge surge of support for Labour among salaried and professional people, after fundamentalist socialism had apparently been abandoned. University common rooms seemed bursting with people anxious for Labour to win, many of whom later got jobs in Whitehall. There are signs of a similar mood among opinion-formers again, and that Labour has relegated nationalization and the like to the back of the shelf, has its own version of "market" talk and even accepts union ballots and council house sales.

Once again Labour is beginning to appeal to upwardly mobile and progressive people. Once again it is trying to conceal real politics and is parading its friends in the world of entertainment - as in this week's party political broadcast which had no politicians but only Glenda Jackson and other "personalities" (including some actors known more for their roles than themselves) proclaiming their Labour votes on grounds of law and order, the caring services and so on. Wilson, who loved

showbiz parties at No 10, must have relished it.

Once again Labour is being made to look appealing, and it is succeeding because the Tories are getting a reputation (deserved or not) for being unfair. In the early 1960s, from the time of the Selsay Lloyd pay policy (which seemed aimed at such vulnerable groups as the nurses) and health service charges, the idea began to "take hold" of a large section of the middle-class that Conservative government was not "fair" government. I wrote those words on September 20, 1963, a year before the Wilson victory.

Today, because of the state of schools and hospitals, because the government's tax remissions at the top have not been matched for people on modest middle-class incomes; because of big City salaries and unemployment, a similar mood is emerging. In the early 1960s a Liberal revival had paved the way for Labour by driving a wedge through the middle-classes, many of whom "have come to believe that Conservatives are interested only in the problems of the man with at least a fairly comfortable income - that they do not understand the worries of people with limited incomes who must rely heavily on state services... Again the words are from September 1963, but are the Tories sure they have no relevance now?

This government has achieved a huge and beneficial transformation of social attitudes by its conquest of inflation, promotion of enterprise, shrinking of the state sector, and encouragement of personal responsibility, especially in industrial relations. But it has not learned how to respond to new problems. And so now it faces enemies on two fronts: the Alliance, capable of winning seats like Ryedale, and Labour, able to capture cities and industrial areas. In this squeeze lies the danger that Labour may just (as in 1964) manage to become the largest parliamentary party.

There are also great differences between the two periods. In 1964, Labour had really got its left in retreat and under control. There was no infiltration of the sort that drove the Social Democrats out. Labour is visibly no longer the party of the 1960s. The hard left is now dangerous, rampant and uncontrolled; not least in local government, not least in the Tories' best friend, But as the election draws near the Campaign flag and the Kinnock charm will thicken. Whether or not the Tory vote splits to Labour's advantage depends on the government.

The old adage holds that elections are more lost by governments than won by opposition. This government could lose if it cannot find the political imagination to understand why many of its natural supporters begin to look elsewhere, and why admiration for Mrs Thatcher is turning to irritation. The Tories have to shift their thoughts from theories to the way other people are thinking if they are to keep power. They do not have a lot of time.

moreover... Miles Kington

From cashpoint to flashpoint

Just about everything that could go wrong is going wrong. The American space shuttle blows up. Soviet nuclear plants melt down. The Delta rocket malfunctions and has to be destroyed. Japanese radicals aim rockets at world leaders - and miss. Two million Americans cancel the European holidays. Sylvester Stallone backs out of a visit to France.

Correction. Sylvester Stallone backing out of a visit to Europe is good news. But all the rest... And now they have this crazy theory that maybe, if a good enough computer operator could get into the system, he could have caused the Delta rocket to blow up.

Well, I don't accept that for a moment. For a start, why would a good hacker - I believe that's the word - want to get inside the system and blow up a rocket, when he could have so much more fun altering his bank balance in his favour? And for another thing, I don't believe in the conspiracy theory of history. I believe in the accident theory.

At which point I have a confession to make. I have one of these new-fangled bank cards which you have to queue up to use outside a bank in the rain. You put the card in the machine, punch a few numbers and watch the machine eat your card without getting anything back.

The first time this happened I went inside the bank to complain - I only had to wait two days for it to open - and ask for an explanation. They were very prompt and obliging. "What has happened, sir," they explained, "is that the machine has eaten your card without giving you any money. That's all there is to it."

me a week or two to iron out the marks in the card and get the hologram working again, and on my next visit to the bank I just happened to notice the newspaper headline again: "Reagan Decides Not To Bomb Libya After All. Just To Let The Sixth Fleet Sail Up And Down For a While. That Should Really Scare Them."

Would you believe I had the same trouble with the bank card again? In some strange way it got taken into the system, chewed up, and ejected inside the bank smelling of sperm.

"We're beginning to regret giving you this card," the bank manager told me strictly. "Just to keep you out of our hair, we're going to give you lots and lots of money. But try and make it last."

The funny thing was that when I came out of the bank I noticed the newspaper headlines had already changed: "Surprise Decision: To Bomb Libya After All. Even Reagan Seems Surprised." And now I realize, looking back, that it was my cash card that had done it. The decision to bomb Libya was taken, not by Ronald Reagan, but by my cash card.

How do I know? Because every time I have used the card since, something terrible has happened. Rockets, nuclear disasters... cancellation of American holidays - yes, even that. My wife works in a travel agency. She came home one day, shaken, and told me that two million American bookings had been wiped off the computer. Just like that.

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A VOTE FOR EDUCATION

Not the least important of today's elections are those for the Inner London Education Authority. They should be of interest to a much larger number of people than those of inner London, and within London to more electors than those with children who are dependent on Ilea schools.

Direct elections for Ilea should be seen as a pilot scheme — a challenge to the public to vote on education separately from any wider political allegiance. Voting in any election usually involves choosing on general grounds a party with particular policies which, other things being equal, the voter would not wish to support. The first Ilea direct elections offer the chance to break free from this constraint. Many ordinary Labour-voting parents, like other citizens, dissent strongly from the educational theories in vogue with the reigning Labour Ilea. If they take the opportunity to vote for education in its own right, they set an example which would make the system of Ilea elections worth extending.

The case against the present Labour Ilea is that it has politicized education by deliberately subordinating educational standards to relentless attempt to achieve equality. There has been repeated evidence of low educational standards. In 1980, for instance, H.M. Inspectors reported that "many pupils of all abilities achieve less than they are capable of." The reason was not lack of resources, provision of which was "generous, almost to a fault." Instead, the

Inspectors blamed poor teaching, teachers who expected too little from their pupils, and the practice of mixed ability teaching (the last, of course, a hallmark of educational egalitarianism.) Since then, the improvement for which the Inspectors called has not materialised. Research by the National Council for Educational Standards, together with Ilea's own data, show that examination results are virtually unchanged at 30 per cent below the national average, despite the fact that at the age of 11, Ilea pupils were up to the national average.

Moreover, where there is excellent Ilea can hardly conceal its hostility. Recent statistical evidence has placed voluntary aided (church) schools at the top of London schools in terms of results. In that context, Ilea voters should mark the words in the May issue of London Labour Briefing by Mr Steven Cowan, Ilea's deputy leader, on the subject of "Political Priorities for the next Ilea." His view is that "progress needs to be made to reduce the proportion of school places under the control of the churches. Their presence and practices are racist and segregationist. Their institutionalised position within the educational system is an anachronism in a city with growing numbers of Muslims and other denominations." Some parents who know the benefits their children receive from this kind of school now have the chance to defend them, without prejudice to their general political opinions.

Others who do not want equal-value indoctrination on homosexuality and against "heterosexism" to which their children are increasingly subject can pronounce a verdict on another of Mr Cowan's dicta. "The Labour group between 1981 and 1986 failed to satisfactorily address disadvantage and discrimination on grounds of Class and Sexual Orientation. Backing away from these two crucial areas would render Ilea's equal opportunities policies tokenistic and liberal, benefiting middle class interest groups only." At the least, ordinary London voters may feel enlightened by the curious assumption that the sexual orientation of the kind referred to is taken to be relevant only to the non-middle classes.

Or again, voters may care to study Ilea's confused but insidious undermining of school sixth forms in favour of tertiary colleges. Ilea claims to be consulting parents of 16-19 year olds in the London boroughs but it is a question how thorough this consultation is. The effect of the policy, however, seems likely to be that if the already scarce teachers of such subjects as Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry go to the Sixth form colleges the secondary schools will be further deprived.

London voters, including Labour voters, at least have much to occupy their minds and inform their votes if they choose to look at the Ilea record. If they prefer education to politicisation and indoctrination, they know what to do about it.

HOME TRUTHS FROM MOSCOW

Rarely can the cliché "too little too late" have been more justly applied. The measures taken by the Kremlin to mitigate the effects of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl have been both extremely restricted in scope and extremely delayed, and nothing that is undertaken from now on should obscure this fact.

Nonetheless, in the past few days the Soviet authorities have displayed a glimmer of recognition that their initial response to the disaster — to be more precise, their lack of response — was an error, and they have taken small steps to limit the damage.

Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency have been received in Moscow. A team of American doctors has arrived to treat some of the victims. A press conference has been held at which ministers gave what is now the official version of events at Chernobyl. And the population of the Kiev area has been advised (albeit more than 10 days after the event) to spin leafy vegetables and long walks in the open air.

All these developments are welcome and could just contribute, in the long term, to an improved relationship between the Soviet Union and the West and to a little more openness within Soviet society. But they need to be seen in perspective.

Soviet information about the accident has been handled on three distinct levels. It is

unofficial, quiet diplomacy which has brought the IAEA officials and American doctors to Moscow. They will be privy to information which may never be given wider currency. The Soviet authorities may also be using diplomatic channels to inform governments directly affected by the disaster. It is to be hoped that this is the case, because the information emanating directly from Soviet sources is not only inadequate, but propagandistic to boot.

That also applies to the second level of information about the disaster, that being provided for foreign consumption. Senior Soviet officials travelling abroad, Soviet diplomats and a Moscow press conference have been used to provide details to worried foreign governments.

All have been models of Gorbachev-style bureaucratese, accessible, well-presented and plausible. Their information, alas, has been incomplete, not to say misleading. Nor have they shown the least understanding of the concern aroused outside the Soviet Union by Moscow's failure to report the accident promptly.

How could even adjacent countries expect to be informed before Soviet people had been informed, journalists in Moscow were asked indignantly this week. How could the Soviet authorities, the riposte should come back, be so dilatory in informing their own people of the im-

mediate and long-term dangers to which they had been exposed?

Which brings us to the highly selective and at times misleading information that has been supplied to the Soviet public including those living in the disaster area. While the flow of information has been increased in recent days, key facts have been omitted: the confusion at the site after the accident; references to mistakes and mistaken judgements on the part of local officials; and problems in the chain of communication that put people at risk. These details have not been vouchsafed to the people who need them most. They have been regaled instead with cheerful pictures of Kiev residents going about their normal business.

Now the Soviet authorities might argue that a surfeit of facts — especially for a public unused to adverse facts — could cause panic. But panic, it seems, has not been avoided.

They might argue that by the time the authorities in Moscow realized the extent of the accident, the immediate damage — to the plant, to the land and to the people — was beyond repair. But those arguments stand only for leaders who inspire no trust — either in their superiors or in their people. And until they do inspire such trust, there can be little optimism about the long-term effects of Chernobyl on Soviet society and on Moscow's relations with the West.

THE GENERAL SAYS VOTE

With yesterday's elections, the final results of which should be known in a few days, President Ershad of Bangladesh seems poised to accomplish the civilianization of his military regime. But his success in that regard, if success it turns out to be, has been seriously undermined by the violence and widespread abuses which marred polling day. These have overshadowed what seemed until yesterday a shrewd political transformation.

These elections are the first since 1979. The General had planned three previous elections which he had to abandon under threat of boycott. He made sure, therefore, that a fourth boycott would not be feasible.

In the first instance he did this by beginning the electoral process with the local government elections held last May. These were organised on a non-party basis. A year later it was obvious that they had produced village level councils with a vested interest in supporting the political structures that the general was trying to introduce. More importantly, their success in extending patronage worried the country's largest political

party, the Awami League, whose workers and local leaders saw their own influence diminish as that of the new council officials has emerged.

When the general announced his decision to move to the next stage of the electoral process and hold parliamentary elections, therefore, he found the Awami League prepared to go along with him. The pressure from its cadres to share the spoils rather than completely lose out was too great for its top leadership to resist this time.

At the same time, General Ershad has effectively lured to his side many of the principal leaders of the other political party, the Bangladesh National Party. So, when the BNP leader, Begum Khaleda Zia, declared a boycott of yesterday's elections, the General knew he had little to fear. The party proved too weak to enforce an effective boycott on its own. Incidentally, it would also have been too depleted to fight an effective election — declaring a boycott was perhaps its only way out.

This means that General Ershad's prospects of securing what he wants out of the election looked bright as polling day dawned. At the same

time, of course, he never had any intention of taking unnecessary risks. Bangladesh is still under martial law, although its manifestations have been somewhat reduced. Last week the General also banned all demonstrations against the elections. In the light of yesterday's outrageous scenes at polling stations, with the government's own party reportedly involved, such a ban must now seem somewhat ironic.

If the complete election results do indeed justify the General's confidence, he will proceed next to a presidential election in a couple of months when he will change his uniform for a civilian head of state's clothes. At that point the military dictatorship will have successfully completed the transition to civilian control.

But nothing much else will have changed. After all, Bangladesh is used to military rulers donning mufti after holding elections. The country knows that this is normally the least controversial way for the army to keep a share of political power. But General Ershad's rule will remain controversial if it seems to have been continued by fraud.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Underlying purposes of EEC Bill

From Sir Edward du Cann, MP for Taunton (Conservative)

Sir, Your distinguished correspondents, Messrs Horsfield and Price (May 6), are right to complain that there has been (as yet) little public discussion of the far-reaching proposals contained in the European Community (Amendment) Bill now before Parliament. The Bill proposes far-reaching constitutional changes: the directive powers of the Commission are to be massively enhanced; the national veto is to be reduced in scope; progress towards European political union is to be accelerated. Thus, whether British people approve or disapprove, the establishment of a European super-state is under way.

Eighteen Conservative members of Parliament tabled an amendment to the Bill on its second reading on April 23 drawing attention to the dangers. It was not called. Ten Conservative MPs voted against the Bill and 12 more abstained from the vote but the second reading was carried by 319 votes to 160. So the juggernaut rolls on.

I suggested in a speech that the Bill be referred to a special standing committee to permit the taking of evidence from informed non-parliamentarians and to allow scope for further consideration. This proposal was refused by the Government spokesmen.

Your correspondents are also right to assert that almost overnight and largely unnoticed by our fellow citizens, Britain's right to decide many practical matters, and even her own destiny, is being surrendered to the majority vote and the interests of other nations not all of whom share our parliamentary traditions. It is not as if the record of the European Community exactly commands respect in practical matters. Its incompetence in financial management is outstanding.

This is the first year of so-called "strict budgetary control". However, the events of the past few days have shown that the assurances given to British MPs last year when EEC spending limits were raised from 1 to 1.4 per cent of VAT revenue are proving to be worthless.

We were assured that the Commission would not propose budgets to the Ministerial Council which breached the limits, but they have done so. We were assured that ministers would not accept any such budget, but they have done so.

We were assured that there was little likelihood of any supple-

mentary budgets, but a supplementary budget is now said to be inevitable. We were further assured that any "exceptional" overspend would be clawed back, but this assurance has been entirely forgotten.

We have been told repeatedly that the 1.4 rate could not conceivably be increased to 1.6 per cent before 1988, but this is now being considered as a possibility this year.

Ministers in the UK, as your correspondents rightly point out, do a disservice in attempting to conceal the fundamental purposes of the Bill. If it were only an attempt to accelerate cooperation and in particular to establish a Common Market that would be possibly meritorious. It is however more, much more. It is a substantial step towards political integration, common laws and fiscal harmonisation. That is a very different matter.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD DU CANN, President, Conservative European Reform Group, House of Commons, May 7.

From Mr Carlos de Serpa-Pimentel

Sir, With reference to today's letter from Mr Horsfield and Mr Price it might be useful to point out that the preamble to the Treaty of Rome of 1957 aimed "to lay the foundations of an even closer union among the peoples of Europe". Thus, the intention of the current Single European Act would seem to be a logical consequence to that original objective. Hence the UK membership of the EEC was endorsed by a national referendum in 1975. It surely cannot be denied that the ultimate aim to create a European political union has been approved by a majority of the British people.

Secondly, the writers' implication that the Act necessitates a loss of UK sovereignty is debatable. While Parliament retains the ultimate power to repeal the European Communities Act 1972 and to withdraw the UK from the EEC, if it so wished, it can be argued that no effective derogation of sovereignty has ever been made to the EEC.

Yours faithfully,
CARLOS DE SERPA-PIMENTEL, Kingston Polytechnic, School of Law, Gipsy Hill, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, May 6.

Making best use of our energy

From the President of the Institute of Energy

Sir, Your leader of May 1 is welcome because it recognises the influence of time scales on energy policies, but in one or two places you appear to miss the point.

You begin by posing a dilemma where none exists: should we have an energy policy, you ask, or should we remain flexible. Why not a policy to be flexible? To give an example, during the 1984 coal crisis the generating boards were able to switch to oil and nuclear because their policies had been aimed at diversity of supply (in electricity generation, the varying load demand dictates that a proportion of the inventory is unused most of the time, so diversity of plant types is economically reasonable). Scope for flexibility exists also in other fields.

The central problem is that plant time scales are long, but fuel prices may change quickly. When deciding on a new energy investment one ought to take account of the probable fuel price over the operating life of the installation (whether it is a coal mine or a domestic heating device); difficult enough for the specialist, but quite impossible for the man on the omnibus. It is this incompatibility of time scale that rules out conventional "market preference" in energy matters: we are not choosing wallpaper, there is an objective reality to be judged.

The one thing that we can predict with confidence is that fuel prices will be erratic, so we should choose policies where they matter least, i.e. other things being equal, broadly a preference for options with high capital cost, high energy conservation, low fuel consumption and fuel diversity.

It is not realistic in assessing energy investments to assume constant future fuel prices in real terms; and you, Sir, should not confuse predictions with policies and write as though uttering the one compelled rigidity about the other.

Yours sincerely,
P. C. WARNER, President, The Institute of Energy, 18 Devonshire Street, W1, May 2.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 8 1882

Twenty-four hours after he had arrived in Ireland to take up his appointment as Chief Secretary Lord Frederick Cavendish, together with the Permanent Under-Secretary, Thomas Henry Burke, was murdered by members of a Fenian group called the Invincibles. In 1883 James Caray, a member of the group, turned Queen's evidence and five of his associates were executed. Under a new name he sailed for South Africa but in 1884 Patrick O'Donnell, had been planted on board. On July 28, 1886, when the ship was off Cape Town, he shot Caray dead.

ASSASSINATION OF LORD F. CAVENDISH AND MR. BURKE

DUBLIN, May 7.

A crime of the most appalling nature was committed last night. The Chief Secretary for Ireland, Lord F. Cavendish, who only yesterday was sworn into office, and Mr. Burke, the Under-Secretary, were assassinated in Phoenix Park. The facts, so far as they can be ascertained, are these: The Chief Secretary and the Under-Secretary were walking in Phoenix Park near the Viceroy's Lodge, about 7.30 p.m., after having been engaged up to a late hour in Dublin Castle upon business connected with the release of the suspects and other official matters. Lord F. Cavendish, anxious to acquire as soon as possible an acquaintance with the duties of his new office, had been in the chambers of the Castle all day, and, with Mr. Burke, desired to enjoy a little of the refreshing air of a summer evening. They were unarmed, as they apprehended no danger, especially under what seemed the suspicious inauguration of a policy of conciliation. Suddenly they were set upon by four men, who, armed with knives or daggers, made a deadly onslaught upon them. A boy named Jacob states that, while hiding in the park, he saw, about 200 yards from where he was, near the road, a group of men who seemed to be wrestling. He thought they were roughs, and did not pay much attention to them. He then saw two men fall to the ground, and the others, four in number, jump on a car and drive rapidly off towards Chapelizod, which lies in the direction opposite to the city. He cannot give any description of the appearance of the men. A Mr. Maguire and a friend, riding on a bicycle, had passed Mr. Burke and Lord F. Cavendish shortly before the murder. They were then on their way along the main road through the park. Returning, the tricyclists found the Chief Secretary lying on the main road in the centre of the carriageway, and Mr. Burke prostrate upon the pathway. Both were in large pools of blood. Mr. Maguire immediately informed the police at Park-gate Station of what he had seen, and the police, proceeding to the scene of the murder, conveyed the bodies to St. Stephen's Hospital. On examination it was found that Mr. Burke had received several stabs near the region of the heart, and that his throat was cut almost completely across. His clothes were much torn, and his hands bore marks suggestive of a fierce and protracted encounter with his assailants. Lord Frederick had been stabbed several places about the chest; one wound was through the right lung and was very deep. At the time of the occurrences there were numbers of people scattered through the park, and it is a remarkable fact that many persons sitting or walking within a few hundred yards of where the bodies were found heard nothing of the affair.

After the Chief Secretary and Mr. Burke had discharged official duties they proceeded on an excursion to the Phoenix Park, and, after dismissing the driver, walked on together towards the Viceroy's Lodge. Before the bodies arrived at the hospital, word had been brought to the hospital that a man had been murdered in the park. The doctor, Dr. Miles and the resident pupil, hurried to the park, and met near the gate the car conveying the two gentlemen. On admission to the hospital the Chief Secretary was pronounced dead, while there was a gleam of life in the Under-Secretary.

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The work of blood must have been done in a couple of minutes, and as if to make it the more shocking, it was committed in full view of the Lord-Lieutenant himself, who was walking in the grounds in front of the Viceroy's Lodge along with Colonel Caulfield and saw a group of men struggling, but attached no importance to it, thinking it was some horseplay or wrestling on the part of some of the military classes who frequent the park. Colonel Caulfield, in the meantime, had his attention attracted by a man, who gesticulated and called "Murder!" The Lord-Lieutenant was about to proceed over with him to see what was the matter, but his Excellency was persuaded not to do so lest he might be insulted.

Heritage fire risk

From Mr B. J. Ashwell

Sir, The letter (April 28) from the chairman of the British Automatic Sprinkler Association raises a very important point but unfortunately the sprinkler is not always the answer.

I have been professionally involved with two West Country cathedrals over the last 35 years. At both of these the central crossing tower with its wealth of timbers and the "flue" effect of a tower with louvres presents the greatest potential disaster threat to the entire fabric.

Both towers have stone vaults at or close to the four arches which carry the walls, floors, bells and roof above. The weight carried by these arches is very approximately 4,000 tons.

At one of the two cathedrals there is a sprinkler system which operates when there is sufficient heat and/or smoke in the tower. But the sprinklers continue to operate until switched off manually. A fire can therefore start in the night, when the sprinklers put out and, without anyone knowing, (alarm bells tend to ring unheard or disregarded), they would continue to discharge water.

This would be collected in the four corners of the tower above the vault. The weight of each pool would be something in excess of 35 tons, which could be sufficient to collapse the vault, a major disaster in itself.

The obvious alternative is a fire extinguishing gas sealed under pressure in containers at each level of the tower with swivelling head/sensor sensors which would direct a jet of gas at the fire immediately the sensor activates.

Can modern technology do this for us? If it could there would be the enormous bonus of no "damage by water".

Yours faithfully,
B. J. ASHWELL, Back Edge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, April 29.

Chernobyl disaster

From Mr Stanley C. Bedford

Sir, Appropos the Soviet nuclear disaster, Dr Edward Timms (May 5) quotes "... never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Very apt, but the gravamen of Western criticism is the fact that the Soviet Union did not toll the bell.

Yours faithfully,
S. C. BEDFORD, Donkey Drive, Wharf Lane, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, May 5.

Bookshops at bay

From Mr J. R. Anderson

Sir, There is much more to the decline of the small bookshop than appears in Bryan Appleyard's otherwise perceptive article (April 26). This includes:

1. Manipulation of public taste by the large chains with their Book Club subsidiaries which artificially restricts the range of books available.

2. The imposition of minimum order cash limits by some publishers which imposes an unreasonable constraint on the small bookseller who has to either delay orders until a backlog equivalent to the minimum is reached or the speculative addition of items for stock.

3. Chaotic conditions at the publishers — e.g. books advertised in advance which are delayed sometimes for several months before publication; ultra short print runs resulting in an order placed on the same day that the book was press received being rejected as "out-of-print"; and, another aspect of the foregoing, premature disposal of stocks by remaindering.

The leisurely days when cash flow and the cost of stockholding were not considered have gone but one wonders whether the pendulum has not swung too far.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. ANDERSON, 4 Vardon Drive, Wilmshurst, Wiltshire, April 26.

Village schools

From Mr Michael Pollard

Sir, As Mr C. J. Bunyan points out (April 28), the Education (School Premises) Regulations Act 1981 poses a threat to village schools which has been gleefully seized upon by education authorities, like his in Wiltshire and mine in Norfolk, opposed to small schools.

However, on his own this threat would be more apparent than real, since (as has been publicly admitted in Norfolk) there is no possibility that schools — even many large ones in the towns — can be brought up to the required standard over the next five years.

A more serious practical hazard is the pressure being brought on education authorities by Her Majesty's Inspectorate to regard village schools as not "educationally viable". This enables authorities to quote "expert opinion" when they wish to rid themselves of their administratively inconvenient small schools.

The fact is that many villages rightly regard their schools as treasured possessions. The consequent parental and community support results in a high level of resourcing, much of which would be lost to the education service if the children were transferred to other schools.

If, therefore, what HMI means by "educational viability" includes the provision of books and equipment it is likely that children who are bussed from their own communities to others for their

primary education will be worse off, not better.

Wiltshire parents should take heart, however. In Norfolk, concerted pressure against small school closures, exerted both in individual communities and on a county-wide basis, has already reprieved many threatened schools and is likely to save many more. No view from County Hall is more frightening than the sight of rebels moving along the hedgerows.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL POLLARD, Orchard House, Great Craxingham, Thetford, Norfolk.

A teacher's worth

From Mrs K. M. Dunabin

Sir, Apart from wondering how poor a poor headmistress is — many people, including grade I teachers, see most heads as rich, or at least comfortably off — may I question the statement made in her letter (April 29) by Mrs J. E. H. Oliver?

Surely her head of chemistry did the assessing of an A-level candidate's examination work at school, and was therefore already being paid, and well paid, for that 1½ hours' work? 70p was surely only meant as a sweetener. Few of us get paid twice over for doing a single job.

KATHLEEN M. DUNABIN, 2 Hinton Crescent, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire.

Holy writ

From the Dean of Durham

Sir, When I was Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge, I once suggested in all innocence that the traditional Latin grace, then no longer intelligible to the majority of undergraduates, be translated into English. My colleagues' forthright rejection of my proposal owed not a little, I gathered, to the sentiment that what was perhaps tolerable in an ancient and foreign tongue would offend the agnostic conscience if published in a language understood of the people.

I sometimes wonder whether my own (and others') predisposition to *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Authorized Version of the Bible betrays a similar preference for the gentle aesthetics of religion over the harder questions concerning the reality of the God I worship and the credibility of the gospel I embrace.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BAELZ, The Deanery, Durham, April 22.

Alternative prayers

From the Reverend Joseph A. Keller

Sir, *The Book of Common Prayer* may well be ousted by the *Alternative Service Book* in the Anglican Church. Supporters of the BCP will be delighted to know that I sell more copies of the King James version of the Bible than I do of the *Jerusalem Bible*, the *New English Bible* and *Good News*

versions combined. In 1985 my best selling book was called *A Jewish Family in Britain*.

This is a Roman Catholic bookshop!

Yours eccumenically,
JOSEPH A. KELLER, Manager, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Bookshop, Cathedral House, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

How long, O Lord?

From Mr D. P. E. Smart

Sir, The question which Mr David Selman poses in his letter (April 29) has a disturbingly simple answer: the duration of an organ voluntary is of practically no importance, as no one will be present for more than the first few bars.

The general custom in this country is for the congregation to leave almost as soon as the organist's fingers have touched the keys.

Yours etc,
D. P. E. SMART, Magdalene College, Cambridge.

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Television
Jarring parallels

"That was a rotten way to run a revolution", George V said of the General Strike. "I could have done it better myself." In commemorating its sixtieth anniversary, he might also have written a better musical.

Devised by David Benedictus, and filmed by the Old Vic, *What a Way to Run a Revolution!* (Channel 4) was a two-hour extravaganza that seemed to have a bemused idea of where it was going.

Drawing his material from *Hausard* and "other contemporary sources", Benedictus created obvious, often jarring parallels between then and now, but he never decided whether in dramatizing the miners' strike his model should be Noël Coward, Neil Drum or Tim Rice. In his indecision, the strike went by the board.

Set in the House of Commons, No 10 and the salon of a very unconfident hostess called Maisie, the musical was forever undermining the power it had created by slipping into crude, raucous lyrics more appropriate to *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Despite the silly things that politicians say, I have doubts that *Hausard* was the source for Sir William Joynton-Hicks's line "I am the cosmic commander" or Churchill's boast that he would be as famous as the white cliffs of Dover.

There were some good performances, from Gary Raymond as the brooding, ubiquitous miner, Stephen Hartford as Stanley Baldwin and Gordon Gostelow as the Speaker. At the end, though, I was prompted to think not of politics or poverty but of the message George V made to his hand-leader when the Grenadiers played Richard Strauss's *Elektra*: "His Majesty does not know what the band has just played, but it is never to be played again".

The 1926 strike was responsible for the senior member of the Cogan family ending up in Hastings. The Cogans formed the nucleus of *Forever England* (BBC2), Beryl Bainbridge's first of six programmes examining the north-south divide. In stomping out on her own, having previously followed in J.B. Priestley's footsteps, the results were slightly muddled.

The family - an incurious lot of fishermen and builders - was confusingly presented; not did they have anything illuminating to say about our divided land. "I don't really know very much about the Northerners", said one old girl. Bainbridge's desire to see every pebble as a precious stone resulted in a gallant attempt to discover echoes of the Empire rather than the bling haul.

What she found in Hastings was a confirmation of good old British insularity. But it was beautifully filmed, and no one else has the power of reducing people to their most ordinary and fallible while at the same time electrifying them.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Theatre
Eccentricity in monotony

Troilus and Cressida Barbican

When actors complain about the unfair power of the director-designer alliance, it is productions like this collaboration between Howard Davies and Ralph Koltai that they have in mind. The play has been advanced to the period of the Crimean War and set inside a requisitioned mansion whose gutted hall and staircase supply the environment for every scene from Helen's boudoir to the battlefield.

On first view at Stratford last June, the confident novelty of this image went a long way to overriding objections. Second time round, its main success lies in the comedy of anachronistic detail, as when Cressida watches the parade go by through binoculars, or the Achilles-Hector handclasp is immortalized with a flash photograph.

Of the set itself, though, its main effect is to crush every scene into a deadening reiteration of the destructive facility of war. This is paralleled in performance by the sense that Greeks and Trojans alike are sickened by the conflict but can find no way of admitting this, much less of bringing the war to an end.

Cressida (Juliet Stevenson) and Helen (Lindsay Duncan) supply diagrammatic evidence of the plight of women in the equation of "wars and lechery". A goddess in person is presented as a repentant but terrified whore, hauled about by a monocled Paris (Sean Baker) and attended by a gang of carousing heavies who suspend Pandarus upside down

from a balcony and remove his trousers when he visits her. In *Cressida* we see what turned Helen into the doomed figure she has become: a resourcefully guarded girl whose defences are brutally penetrated when once she falls in amongst the Greeks, when she undergoes the equivalent of a gang-bang.

The intention is clear to see, but it is often achieved by perverse readings of the lines (particularly in the case of Cressida). The real objection is that the production yields a monotonous sameness in both camps while offering eccentrically detached individual performances - few of which (especially Anna Lesser's Troilus) have undergone any development since the show first appeared.

You get the point that Pandarus and Theristes occupy the roles of clown civilians, observing the war from the sidelines. What this means is that they come on and do their routines like speciality acts. Alun Armstrong's Theristes, a greasy Geordie in pebble-thick glasses, has great fun mimicking Ajax in a saucerpan helmet which he then cannot get off. Clive Merrison, clad in white suit and Panama hat, takes Pandarus through a series of wild transformations from Dr. Miracle to a hard-spectacled apparition of death, but without much trace of his given role in the plot.

Some episodes still work extremely well, notably the Ajax sub-plot, conducted by Peter Jeffrey's headmasterly Ulysses in a restrained comic style remote from the rest of the show. In the one piece of major recasting, Clive Merrison plays Achilles as a bulking lachrymose lout seemingly even dimmer than Ajax.

Irving Wardle



Clive Merrison's hard-spectacled apparition of death

Opera
La Fille du régiment Opéra-Comique, Paris

It has been suggested that June Anderson, heard to powerful effect as Semiramide at Covent Garden a fortnight ago, has been busy staking out the old Joan Sutherland territory. If so, then she has put several more poles in the ground with *La Fille du régiment* at the Opéra-Comique. Marie, the regimental daughter in question, was the role Sutherland brought back to Covent Garden after a long sojourn in oblivion just twenty years ago with Pavarotti by her side. Miss Anderson has with her in Paris an even greater master of bel canto, Alfredo Kraus. Together they deliver as dazzling a display of vocal pyrotechnics as 1986 is likely to provide.

Donizetti's jolly opera was written for the old Opéra-Comique in 1840, but with a thousand performances notched up it fell out of fashion after the First World War. There was a revival in 1979, but everyone seems happy to forget about that.

The plot may be military, but the sentiments are strictly Georgette Heyer. Marie, found abandoned as a baby on the battlefield with one more than a note pinned on her, is brought up as the mascot of the glorious 21st Grenadiers. Her mother, the naughty Marquise de Birkenfeld, comes across but claims her as no more than niece and hauls her off to the family château to learn non-military manners. Inevitably all comes out well in the end and Marie goes off with her lover Tonio, who has enrolled in the glorious 21st with a view more to marrying Marie than a major military career. Once *Fille* was seen as a morale-boosting work - the first act is set in the Tyrol while the French troops were in occupation - and Lily Pons was in the habit of adding the "Marschaise" to the finale in times of national stress. But such days have long since gone.

At the Opéra-Comique Bruno Stefano chooses instead a



June Anderson, a latter-day Sutherland to the life

room in a military museum, the one of course devoted to the glorious 21st. There, somewhat implausibly, Marie is dining the showcases when she falls into a reverie fixating her gallant Tonio. And the opera begins. After this precious start the production improves swiftly, helped by some smart costumes by Bernard Arnould. Stefano is not out for raucous laughter - blessed relief - but gentle smiles, and from the start it is clear that the main task is to provide a showcase of a different kind: one for two brilliant voices. Sensibly, he opts for a type of *musée farnesque* where the soldiers all come to life and turn out to be excellently drilled, as indeed they should be in such an opera.

After singing a series of ladies who are either deranged (Lucia, Elvira) or wicked (Semiramide) June Anderson displays open good humour as Marie. She may at times sound just like Sutherland, especially in the secure perfection of the upper register. She even looks like Sutherland in the part - see the picture above. But she indulges, if memory serves, in less thigh-thumping. She may be *vivandière* as well as mascot to the 21st, where every man is a father and every man a potential husband - no marrying outside the regiment! But she is not so much the Amazon that the love of Tonio the Tyrolese becomes incredible.

The start of Act II, where Marie has to learn courtly manners but instead breaks into the rousing *Rataplan* of the first act, is a joy. But Marie is basically an excuse for the prima donna to display all her

pross and - something which can be overlooked - to spur on the tenor to display all his. Donizetti cunningly at the end of Act I and again in the middle of Act II juxtaposes tenor and soprano arias.

Alfredo Kraus and June Anderson operate on the "anything you can sing I can sing higher" basis. And, helped by a theatre notably smaller than those they normally perform in (the Opéra holds 1,400), they go very high indeed. Kraus, in a fetching pair of lawn Tyrolean pants, showed full relish for an unaccustomed comic role and flashed white teeth and high Cs alternately at a delighted audience. His prolonged absences from Covent Garden should be a source of concern to the board of the Royal Opera House.

Fille is basically a two-character opera. But Michel Tremont's roly-poly Sulpice, the sergeant who saved the infant Marie, oozes *bonhomie* and Helmi T'Hézoan (once Glynedebourne's Charlotte in *Werther*) plays the Marquise de Birkenfeld as though she were auditioning for another lady of noble rank expert in men and matters military, the Grand Duchess of Gerolstein. The orchestral score is on the thin side, but Bruno Campanella makes all he can of it. Paris is after the two stars and the performances to which they are appearing are going to become a very hot ticket indeed.

John Higgins

● *La Fille du régiment* continues until May 20, with Alida Ferrarini and Vincenzo la Scola alternating with Anderson and Kraus.

Concert
LSO/Bernstein Barbican/Radio 3

With Bernstein himself on the podium (and not seldom a couple of inches above it) to conduct three of his biggest and best concert works, with the Queen and Prince Philip doing a rare honour to a living composer, and with tickets priced at up to £100, this was obviously intended to be the big one. And so it turned out: the other evenings in the Barbican's Bernstein Festival begin to seem like normal concerts. But, though a cynic might argue that Bernstein is too much the showman not to deliver the goods, the truth is that these three works, and these three performances, took us progressively to the heart, and also to the mind, of the Bernstein process.

First was *Chichester Psalms*, which may not be easy to play or sing, but which presents few difficulties of understanding. Aled Jones used his extraordinary technique to extend the treble solo of the middle movement in long phrases, and his control was more than compensation for the lack of precarious ethereality in his singing: to project at once youth

and expertise is his great strength, and it was well employed. He also sounded much better in this hall than did the London Symphony Chorus and the LSO, who found no way to make a real pianissimo, and sounded thudding and undisciplined in the first movement's choral dance.

Then Gidon Kremer joined the orchestra for the *Serenade*. Here again the sound was unfortunate, and possibly might have been improved if Bernstein had used something less than full symphonic strings; though then the prominence of the percussion would no doubt have been still greater. One listened, however, as little as possible to the accompaniment, marred by slurred playing from the violins in the faster figuration and by intonation problems in the orchestral solos. What mattered was the outstandingly accomplished, vital and intelligent solo performance from Kremer. I had no idea there was so much in this music.

Perhaps Bernstein was surprised too, though there seemed to be recognition in his appreciative smiles at what Kremer was up to. The tone was set in the opening high melody, which was at once a pure achievement and a cause for anxiety, a song of compelled beauty; it was a very persuasive and suggestive way

in which to play Bernstein. But no less remarkable was Kremer's fierce virtuosity in the quick music, his range of response in the adagios and his willingness to boogie-woogie in the finale, even though the earlier parts of his performance had indicated the value of an east European sensibility in Bernstein.

The Second Symphony had one thinking rather of an east European colleague, Shostakovich, and about whether Bernstein too might not be the victim of a misfit between private and public expectations. On the face of it, with its Auden programme, the work is a study of Modern Man, but the questioning that goes on in the music, most notably through its technique of developing variation, seems to be inwardly directed, and it was good to be so quietly and beautifully reminded of that by the piano soloist, Krystian Zimerman. He also gave an excellent fleet, nightmarish scherzo that dances on the edge of *West Side Story*. Bernstein meanwhile led a proud and powerful performance, towards a close that yet left the questions open about that other Bernstein who once imagined it.

Paul Griffiths

● The whole concert will be shown on BBC2 on Saturday.

The Barber of Seville New Theatre, Cardiff

Possibly there is an intriguing production of *The Barber of Seville* to be done which places the opera firmly in a Parisian boulevard-theatre context, making explicit the historical links between Rossini's characters and the archetypes of the *commedia dell'arte*. For a few minutes Giles Havergal's new staging for WNO seems to aspire to such heights. Russell Craig's bold and inventive designs certainly deserve better filling. The set is a town square dominated by a three-tiered wooden platform, each level festooned with the faded drapes and bannered props of a travelling show. On this the players, gaudily costumed and over-powdered like pantomime dames, per-

form the piece to a few onlookers.

This promising concept is then pursued less than half-heartedly. Havergal clusters every aria and ensemble with irrelevant business and spurious gags: a mysterious hand appearing from behind a curtain to tune Figaro's guitar or two small boys prancing around him during "Largo al factotum". Most bizarre of all is the attempt in the last trio to suggest that Rosina would be quite interested in fostering a *ménage à trois* with Figaro and the Count.

That the audience found much to amuse them can, I think, be attributed to Robert David MacDonald's new English translation, anachronistic, unsuitable and unfaithful though it may be. It allows Donald Adams to turn Bartolo into a crusty old rogue straight out of D'Oyly Carte, yet which towered so far

above the rest of the cast that it was beyond reproach. Della Jones, as Rosina, also showed something of her usual quality later on, when her neat coloratura and incisive enunciation matched her pert stage presence.

Peter Brooder's foppish Almaviva hit some good early top notes, but he faded both vocally and as a personality. Gwion Thomas's Figaro cut an attractively youthful figure, and the pleasant baritone timbre has potential. However he, too, lacked dramatic weight.

Work in the pit was patchy. Such an experienced Russian as Henry Lewis should have concentrated on maintaining better rapport with his singers, instead of pressing for a heavy, ungraceful orchestral sound that was simply too loud for the voices in many places.

Richard Morrison

Jazz
Chico Freeman Ronnie Scott's

The star of the Chico Freeman Quartet is not really its leader, a young saxophonist from Chicago praised for his willingness to blend past with present, but its pianist, Kenny Barron, a name long taken for granted among the ranks of jazz's foot-soldiers.

Barron will author no revolutions, but each solo is full of genuine substance, every phrase betraying impeccable

taste, utterly devoid of haste and clutter even when the heat around him (spoked by a fierce drummer, Freddie Waits) is at its most intense.

Gifted though he is, Freeman's playing lacks coherence: he seems to find it hard to concentrate. Wildly inappropriate gargoyles jutted from the angles of "Sentimental Mood"; an over-extended Latin piece found him doodling with a synthesizer, a kind of musical gravity leads him to Coltrane-by-numbers crescendos. Once upon a time, six months with Thelonus Monk would have knocked him into shape.

Opposite Freeman, a pair of white gloves are all that remain of Neesden's Queen of Soul as Mary Wilson tackles "Everything Happens to Me" and "Hi-Fi", transforming herself from a likeable pop star into a likeable semi-jazz singer.

Richard Williams

Recital
Horne/Katz Covent Garden

Not every diva will bless rather than curse him who sneezes loudly during her performance. But the cry of "gesundheit!" with which Marilyn Horne interrupted her witty spoken introduction to a group of songs by Rossini epitomized the warmth and audacity of Tuesday's long-awaited recital.

Her Rossini, centrally placed, presented her visiting-card and his. There was her recent Covent Garden *Semiramide* to remember, in the little "Canzonetta spagnuola" which pops up again in the opera's opening chorus. This was the bel-canto Horne, gurgling her way through a chain of wryly understated "ai-ee"s, with the fingers of Martin Katz providing plectrum-light

piano accompaniment. And for the composer's own *carre de visite*, "L'addio di Rossini", Horne delicately balanced, as only she can, seriousness of technique with near-frivolity of performance.

Mahler's *Des knaben Wunderhorn* songs are not, perhaps, the repertoire which first springs to mind as typically Horne's. In her steel-tipped mezzo and Katz's almost brittle playing, these were grim tales indeed: not a trace of sentiment, but all the bright detail of an old-style child's picture-book, from the savagery of "Das irische Leben" to the menagerie she made of "Lob des hohen Verstandes".

The second half of the evening saw Miss Horne expanding into the fresh New World breezes of Samuel Barber's Six Songs, and into the sheer joy of vocal artistry in five turn-of-the-century Italian songs.

Hilary Finch

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Tamils blamed as Colombo bomb kills 11

Colombo (Reuter) — Eleven people were killed and about 100 wounded yesterday when a bomb wrecked two floors of the Central Telegraph Office in Colombo.

A National Security Ministry spokesman said the bomb was planted by guerrillas fighting for an independent state for minority Tamils.

A spokesman for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), set off the blast which ripped through the bottom two floors of the colonial-style building in the heart of the capital.

The spokesman said the LTTE was also suspected of being behind the bombing of an Air Lanka plane at Colombo airport last Saturday which killed 14 people, mainly foreigners.

Two people were arrested in connection with the latest attack.

The explosion, on the ground floor and heard more than a mile away, caused the first floor ceiling to collapse on telegraphists only minutes after they started working.

It was powerful enough to stop all clocks at exactly 9.23 am in the red-tiled white-washed building, located less than 500 yards from President Junius Jayewardene's official residence.

Panic gripped the city as ambulances and fire-engines, their sirens screaming, raced to the building.

Rescue workers, including pedestrians, carried injured out of the building on to the footpath and gave emergency aid as victims waited, bleeding and crying, to be ferried to hospitals.

A spokesman for Colombo General Hospital said six people died before they were admitted.

Two women were among the dead but it was not known how many victims were members of the public or among the 250 staff employed at the building, where the public books cables or international telephone calls.

Many residents fled home after the blast, fearing a Sinhalese backlash against Tamils in the capital similar to 1983 riots in which 400 people were killed.

"I rushed to the building to see what happened," one eyewitness said. "I pushed through broken wood and iron girders. I heard screaming all round."

Parliament postponed until tomorrow a debate on the national security situation demanded by the opposition after Saturday's Air Lanka bombing and other recent guerrilla attacks.

Scargill to pay 6-figure costs

Continued from page 1 recently been awarded would also go towards the costs of the latest action. Expenses on his side, he said, had been "minimal" by using junior counsel.

The case, which ended yesterday, arose from an incident outside Mr Scargill's home in the early hours of July 18, 1982, when, surrounded by seven policemen and four police cars, he was questioned for up to 30 minutes about allegedly speeding at up to 120 mph in his Jaguar while returning home from a London radio interview conducted by the daughter of the Prime Minister, Miss Carol Thatcher.

He was later cleared of the speeding offence at a magistrates' court.

During the High Court case Mr George Carman, QC, for Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, said that it was a trivial matter brought by "a fading and flawed public figure", and that entrusting the upholding of civil liberties to Mr Scargill was "as dangerous as entrusting Satan with the task of abolishing sin."

Mr Scargill admitted he was disappointed at the outcome of the case but insisted that if necessary he would do the same again. "I am used to reverses and setbacks and used to having my position vindicated as time goes by."

He was asked if it had been worth bringing the case over such a trivial matter.

"I don't like being detained on the pavement outside my own home. I brought this action because it was true. I would do so again because civil liberties and human rights in this country are under threat and unless they are challenged it is easy to see them being eroded."

"I don't think the verdict has damaged my credibility. That stands the test of time," he said.

Mr Scargill, who said he professed the jury system as being "infinitely better than a single individual sitting in judgement", made it clear that he did not intend to appeal against the decision.



The Princess of Wales, speaking at the dinner and looking well. Right, being supported during her earlier fainting spell.

Princess carries on after fainting fit

From John Best, Vancouver

The Princess of Wales joined her husband for a final, strenuous round of pavilion-hopping at Expo 86 yesterday apparently none the worse for a fainting spell at the same World's Fair site on Tuesday afternoon.

The Royal couple scheduled visits to the British Columbian, Australian and Japanese pavilions at the fair before departing by air for Japan, where they will spend six days as guests of the Japanese Government.

At a dinner on the eve of their departure following an eight-day visit to British Columbia, the Prince of Wales made light of the spell which held the Princess a few hours earlier during a tour of the California pavilion.

"My wife is feeling much better now," he said, adding: "It is really entirely due to the advantageous conditions that

pertain in British Columbia — the weather and the general fragile conditions which have ensured that she's about to have sextuplets, which is really why she fainted."

"It's not actually true but there we are."

The Princess did indeed look refreshed and better following a rest in the Royal Suite at the Pan Pacific Hotel, to which the Royal couple retired after emerging from the California pavilion.

And the waiters who served her table reported that the Princess ate all that was on her plate. The dinner consisted of fillet of red snapper, a kind of fish, with fruit and sherbet for dessert.

urb, where they dedicated a new park; lunch with the commissioners of the 54 national pavilions at Expo; and the dinner at night.

Tuesday was a beautiful, sunny day in Vancouver, but quite hot on the Expo grounds. To reach the California pavilion, the royal couple walked about 100 yards in the sun from the US site, their previous stop.

Some time after entering the California pavilion the Princess suddenly put her hand to her head, tottered and started to fall over. She was caught by her personal physician, Surgeon Commander Ian Jenkins, who helped her to a rest area, aided by the Prince of Wales.

After resting about ten minutes the Princess felt strong enough to walk out of the building without help.

may have collapsed because of a dangerous combination of travel stress, overwork and low blood pressure, a medical specialist said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

Since the Royal couple flew to British Columbia last Wednesday, they have travelled on six internal flights to engagements around the province. But not enough time for adjustment to "jet lag" from the initial flight may have been provided, said Dr Malcolm Carruthers, medical director of the Positive Health Centre, an holistic health clinic in Harley Street.

The close, warm conditions in which the Princess fainted are similar to those in which gardeners faint on parade. They can provoke a slowing down of the heart rate, which means that insufficient blood reaches the brain."

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Sogat to seek control again of £17m assets

By Michael McCarthy

The print union, Sogat '82, will today seek to purge its contempt of court in the News International dispute and to regain control of its assets worth £17 million.

The union will apologize to the High Court and promise to withdraw its instruction to wholesalers not to handle newspapers produced at Mr Rupert Murdoch's plant at Wapping, east London.

For three months Sogat has been in breach of a court order to lift the "blacking" instruction on News International's titles, *The Times*, *The Sunday*

Times, *The Sun* and the *News of the World*.

Mr Justice Michael Davies, describing the breach as "flagrant" on February 10, fined the union £25,000 for contempt of court and ordered the sequestration of its entire assets, from bank accounts to office furniture.

In March Mr Justice Taylor gave a sharper edge to the order by sequestrating the union's fleet of 79 official cars. Sogat was known to have quickly paid its officials in advance for a limited period, just before the sequestration.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits Stoke-on-Trent she opens the National Garden Festival, 10.20; and later opens the Beth Johnson Association Sheltered Housing Scheme, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a gala performance of ballet, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 7.25.

Princess Anne visits the London School of Economics, Houghton St, WC2, 2.45; and later attends the annual dinner of the Chief Constables Club, The Savoy Hotel, WC2, 7.45.

Princess Margaret, accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester, attends a reception at Kenwood House, Hampstead, 12.

Books — paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

Living on Yesterday, by Edith Templeton, introduction by Anita Brookner (Hogarth Press, £3.95)

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Weather forecast

A depression to NW of Scotland will fill leaving a showery airstream over most areas. Later, an occlusion will approach the SW.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, NW, central N, NE England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny periods, showers developing, some heavy but dying out later; wind S to SW moderate, locally fresh; max temp 15C (59F).

SW England: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, more general rain towards midnight in the SW; winds SW moderate to fresh; max temp 14C (57F).

Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, possibly heavy with hail and thunder; wind S to SE moderate to fresh; max temp 15C (59F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, possibly heavy with hail and thunder; wind S to SE moderate to fresh; max temp 13C (55F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, brief sunny intervals; rain or showers; wind fresh to strong SE; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Continuing unsettled with further rain or showers. Temperatures well up to normal.

Sea: Sun 11.0 am, Sun Sets 8.25 pm
Moon: Moon 11.10 pm, Moon sets 8.25 pm

Lighting-up time

London 9.05 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.14 pm to 4.55 am
Cardiff 9.28 pm to 4.50 am
Manchester 9.21 pm to 4.50 am
Penzance 9.21 pm to 5.15 am

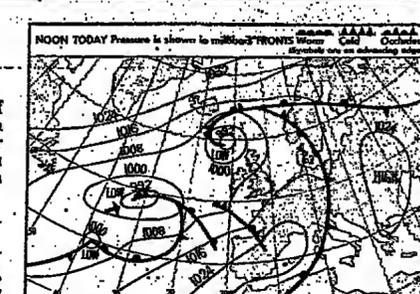
Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, F
London 11.4, 51
Birmingham 11.4, 51
Cardiff 11.4, 51
Manchester 11.4, 51
Penzance 11.4, 51
Sheffield 11.4, 51
Sunderland 11.4, 51
Wolverhampton 11.4, 51

Local elections

Elections take place today in 209 local councils, including all 32 London boroughs and all 13 Scottish regions and island authorities. There will be elections for one third of the seats in the 36 English metropolitan districts and 123 English shire districts and six Welsh districts. Also taking place today are the first direct elections for all Inner London Education Authority seats and parliamentary by-elections in Ryedale and West Derbyshire.

Polling hours are between 8 am and 9 pm except for the parliamentary by-elections in Ryedale and West Derbyshire which are 7 am to 10 pm.



High Tides

Location	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:26	8:9	2:52	7:1
Aberdeen	1:56	8:11	2:10	7:1
London South	7:55	12:7	1:12	12:7
Belfast	11:42	3:2	11:59	3:1
London North	7:10	12:7	1:12	12:7
Dunfermline	6:20	5:41	6:41	5:3
Dover	11:46	6:2	11:59	5:1
London East	6:50	6:1	6:51	5:1
Glasgow	1:19	4:3	1:39	4:6
London West	12:22	8:9	12:53	3:9
London Central	12:12	8:9	12:53	3:9
London South	7:01	6:5	7:04	7:2
London North	6:54	6:6	6:58	6:1
London East	3:12	3:2	3:13	3:3
Liverpool	11:54	8:9	11:59	8:9
London West	10:54	2:2	10:16	2:8
London North	12:12	1:2	12:53	1:8
London East	6:50	6:6	7:07	6:6
London West	3:12	3:2	3:13	3:3
Penzance	5:18	5:4	5:27	5:4
London East	7:38	1:1	7:58	1:1
London West	11:29	5:9	11:59	5:9
London North	7:01	6:1	7:17	6:1
London South	4:21	5:0	4:28	5:2
London East	12:12	1:2	12:53	1:8

Around Britain

Location	Sun/Fair	Max	Min	Wind
Scarboro	16.6	04	13	55 sunny
Birmingham	11.4	01	11	54 sunny
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South Coast

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Scarboro	16.6	04	13	55 sunny
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Cardiff	8.3	19	06	55 sunny
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North Coast

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Central

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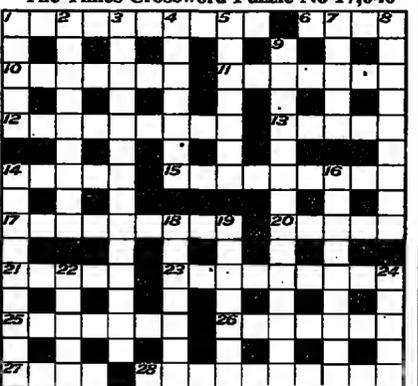
West Midlands

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,040



ACROSS

- 1 Island state shown in unusually accurate burlesque (10).
- 6 Olympian land measures (4).
- 10 Dupe is heard calling for help (7).
- 11 Ed's fury uncontrolled, as was Zola's on his behalf (7).
- 12 Dear girl accommodates team that includes writers (9).
- 13 According to Holmes the woman's first name (5).
- 14 Could the coot, with this bird, conceal its baldness? (5).
- 15 Doctor outside is taking up court, being violently disturbed (9).
- 16 Give us a haircut, say, that's crude (9).
- 17 Give us music taken by the president (5).
- 18 Moral code — of Christians for instance, and here in Rome (5).
- 19 Did Miss Cardew's government appear in such rainbow colours? (9).
- 20 20's tail is only item on the menu (7).
- 21 Aircraft control obtainable from retailer only (7).
- 22 Girl of the month a one-time Mexican Indian? (4).
- 23 He pays tax — odd way to get rid of Desdemona! (10).

DOWN

- 1 Found direction in class (5).

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Anniversaries

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Leigh-Pemberton calls for international supervision

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, yesterday called for the supervisors of banks and securities markets around the world to coordinate their regulatory responsibilities.

He said: "With banking and capital markets becoming closer and borrowers moving between them, I wonder whether banking and securities supervisors should not now be putting their heads together internationally."

It was important that regulators of different markets reached an understanding to minimize duplication in reporting requirements and to coordinate action, he said. This needed to be done without overruling statutory obligations governing the regulators of different countries and without leaving gaps through which business could slip unregulated.

The Bank is already discreetly pressing for stronger and more co-ordinated supervisory codes internationally through its membership of the Basle Committee.

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1345.7 (-22.8) FT-SE 100 1610.1 (-26.1) USM (Datastream) n/a

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.5375 (+0.0025) W German mark 3.3827 (+0.0437) Trade-weighted 76.3 (same)

Bestwood lifts bid

Bestwood, the investment holding company, looked set to win the takeover battle for the Country Gentlemen's Association last night, after it increased its offer to 7 shares for 2. The new offer values each CGA share at £11.32, with Bestwood at 48.5p.

Debt bites

Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday reported pretax profits for the six months to March 31 up from £75.9 million to £92.7 million. The bank said that its performance had been hampered by a rising charge for bad and doubtful debt and a sharp increase in expenses. Its shares fell 14p to 338p.

Profit up 19%

Nurdin & Peacock reported a pretax profit for the year to January 4 of £15.7 million, up 19.3 per cent on the previous year. Turnover was up 22 per cent to £728 million, and the dividend for the year was raised to 4.05p.

Property sale

Burnett & Hallamshire, the troubled coal-mining group which wrote off £49.3 million on speculative Californian property developments last year, has sold its third Californian development for \$28.1 million (£18.3 million).

Whessoe dip

Whessoe is holding its interim dividend at 2.5p, after reporting pretax profits down from £2.02 million to £1.37 million for the six months to March 29. Turnover slipped to £47.83 million from £48.2 million.

Shops bought

W H Smith & Son has paid £800,000 for 75 per cent of Paperchase Products, which trades in two greeting cards and fashion stationery shops in London.

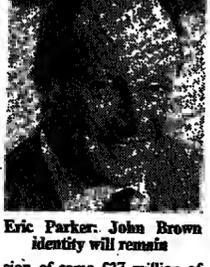
Philips' slip

Philips Lampe's pretax income fell from 532 million fl to 394 million fl (£103 million) in the first quarter of this year on sales down from 14.23 billion fl to 13.06 billion fl.

Trafalgar House in agreed £80m bid for John Brown

By Richard Lander

Trafalgar House, the shipping, industrial and oil conglomerate, yesterday announced an agreed takeover bid for the John Brown engineering group which it helped rescue last year by taking a 29.9 per cent stake as part of a refinancing package.



Eric Parker, John Brown executive, will remain in charge of the company.

The two companies have already worked together on a number of international construction and engineering projects, including contracts in the United States and Soviet Union. Trafalgar's chief executive, Mr Eric Parker, said John Brown would retain its identity after the merger, adding: "We've no plans to change the nature of John Brown's business, but we hope the merger will remove their problem of a lack of financial muscle."

If successful, the takeover will end one of the longest-running distress stories in British industry. Battered by the recession of the early 1980s, John Brown hovered near demise on a number of occasions before last summer's £70 million rescue package which also involved a rights issue and the conversion of some £37 million of bank debt into share capital.

Trafalgar is offering one share for every 10 John Brown, valuing each share at 30p and the entire company at about £80 million. John Brown shares rose 6p to 29p yesterday while Trafalgar fell back a similar amount to 296p.

Trafalgar also announced its results for the six months to March 31 yesterday, reporting pretax profits up from £57.4 million to £72.7 million. The interim dividend was raised from 5.4p to 6.2p and the company expects a similar 15 per cent increase in the final payment. The half-time figures were very much a mixed bag with property and construction profits slightly down and contributions from oil and gas exploitation almost halving because of falling energy prices.

The rise in profits stemmed from Trafalgar's other two divisions. Shipping, aviation and hotels profits almost tripled to £13.3 million with falling oil prices helping the company and the group's luxury liners producing record revenues. Returns from property and investment rose from £28.6 million to £41.4 million, although this also included profits from the sale of investments in French Kier and the London Evening Standard as well as provision for losses on Trafalgar's six per cent stake in the Tricentral oil group.

Bank keeps control

By Graham Searjeant

The Bank of England is to retain responsibility for supervising dealings between brokers in certificates of deposit and wholesale markets in currency and gold options and futures, Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written parliamentary answer.

These markets were originally to be brought into the scope of the new machinery set up by the Financial Services Bill. They deal in minimum units of £100,000 and £500,000 respectively, but the gold and currency markets in particular were caught up in the general clause covering sales of all options and futures to the public.

This still leaves a number of issues in the Financial Services Bill. Dealers in Euro-bonds and some international securities may be disappointed in their campaign for special treatment of dealings between professionals.

The Government also has to announce a decision on the campaign by representatives of the new City self-regulatory organisations for legal immunities.

Unigate sale

Unigate has accepted an offer by Mejeriselskabet Danmark (Co-op Denmark) to acquire Boel Foods, a wholly-owned Danish subsidiary of Unigate, at an undisclosed price. Co-op Denmark will appoint another Unigate subsidiary, St Ivel, to continue marketing Boel's products in Britain.

Bridport wins

Bridport-Gundry has declared its offer for Halls Barton Ropery Co unconditional after receiving acceptances for 91 per cent of the shares.

King & Shaxon set to take Smith St Aubyn

By Our Banking Correspondent

Irving Trust, the US banking group, yesterday bowed out of the battle for Smith St Aubyn, the discount house, opening the way for King & Shaxon, another discount house, to take over its smaller rival.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sir Nigel fails to let in the light

Trafalgar House continues to produce results and pay dividends normally designed to satisfy the most fastidious fund managers, yet the performance of its shares has a faded look. Fashions change and Trafalgar is no longer fashionable; or perhaps more accurately it does not do currently fashionable things. True Lord Hanson and Sir Gordon White can buy companies in sunset industries and be credited with magical powers of letting in light; but not, it appears, Sir Nigel Brookes and Eric Parker. Trafalgar's purchase of the rest of troubled John Brown will not immediately change this perception.

Trafalgar is clearly in an unlucky phase. The strategy of adding first Scott Lithgow and John Brown to its existing engineering interests made sense in the context of thriving oil exploration and the imaginative EuroRoute cross-Channel bridge and tunnel scheme. EuroRoute came second to Channel Tunnel Group (which may still turn out to be an albatross round a hung Conservative Cabinet's neck) and the collapse in oil prices casts a bleak shadow over Scott Lithgow as well as undermining Trafalgar's direct involvement in oil and gas. After the shut-out by the Vickers-Camell Laird management, the John Brown acquisition might only fuel suspicions that Trafalgar

has flexed its muscles just to make sure they are still in working order. Its muscles will be needed, but Sir Nigel Brookes does not pump iron for display. Trafalgar's acquisitions like its disposals always have a certain logic. The company will have had a thorough look at John Brown's books since it took its 30 per cent stake in last August's £70 million refinancing package. Secondly, engineering is very much Trafalgar's ome country - indeed Sir Nigel's interim report to shareholders pointedly underlined Trafalgar's "long-term commitment to the construction and engineering industries". That said, Trafalgar, though not lacking its habitual optimism, at present has more problems on its books than opportunities. Its profile has become blurred, its way ahead less clear.

Promise and confusion

One of the most promising, and at the same time most confusing, outcomes of the Tokyo summit, is the apparent agreement of the leaders of the Western industrialized countries to embark on a period of co-ordinated economic management.

James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, a man clearly determined to leave his mark on history, regards the agreement as the most important step towards restoring exchange rate stability since the break up of the Bretton Woods system in the early seventies.

Nigel Lawson, after sitting and participating in the horse trading over whether a brake should be put on the dollar's fall, or whether the Japanese really have suffered any pain because of the yen's rise, probably sees things a little differently. The summit accord on economic policy co-ordination has to be put in context, and that context is the global medium term financial strategy idea which dominated the IMF interim committee meeting in Washington last month.

Laporte pay

Laporte Industries accounts for 1985 show that the salary of the chairman, Mr R M Ringwald, was £161,750 against £127,879 in 1984. In addition, he received an annual performance bonus of £117,115 (£86,142) and a further long-term performance bonus of £131,043, making a total of £409,908.

Offer success

The application list for the public offer of shares in Westbury closed oversubscribed.

£6m hotel

Beacontree Estates is to build a 124-room four-star hotel at Reading to be leased for 125 years to Norfolk Capital Hotels for £6 million.

Salomon man

Dr Peter Coym, a director of Commerzbank, is to join Salomon Brothers as head of its new West German subsidiary in Frankfurt.

Takeover offer likely for Aitken Hume

By Alison Eadie

The long-awaited bid for Aitken Hume, the banking investment group which has had a spate of boardroom departures, is expected today.

The moving force behind the bid is thought to be Mr Nicholas Oppenheim, deputy chairman of Argyle Trust, the financial services holding company. Argyle Trust yesterday denied speculation that it was the likely bidder.

Mr Oppenheim, however, is on several other boards, including Sterling Trust, a licensed deposit taker, and Sterling Life, a life assurance company, both of which are subsidiaries of Argyle. He is also a director of Dewey Warren, the Lloyd's insurance broker. Smaller Companies International Trust, the investment trust, and Kellogg Trust.

Park Place 'yes' to bid

By Our City Staff

Park Place, the company running training courses for accountants and other professional groups, has agreed to a £49.4 million cash offer from Wolters Samsom Groep, a Dutch company specializing in technical and business publishing.

Directors of Park Place, speaking for 8 per cent of the shares, have accepted the offer. Morgan Grenfell, adviser to Wolters, was also buying shares in the market yesterday.

Wimpey stake is placed

By Judith Huntley

Grove Charity Management has placed 14.9 per cent of George Wimpey, the construction, housebuilding and property group, on the market for £73.08 million, reducing its stake in the company to 35 per cent.

S G Warburg & Co, the merchant bank advising Grove, said: "Grove has no present intention of disposing of any further shares in Wimpey." Brokers in the placing were Rowe & Pitman and Mullens & Co.

The placing has been taken up by a number of institutions which paid 174p per share for the £2 million, 25p ordinary shares, showing a 5.5 per cent discount. Mr Kenneth Costa of S G Warburg said Grove decided to sell to diversify the risk and spread of its investments.

Speculation has been rife that any willingness by Grove to sell part of its stake would lead to a takeover bid from a rival, possibly Trafalgar House. George Wimpey welcomed the placing - a company spokesman said the move should discourage speculation about Wimpey and that it was preferable to have 35 per cent of the company in the hands of one shareholder than nearly 50 per cent.

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W German prices fall for the first time in 27 years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Consumer prices in West Germany have fallen over the past 12 months - the first such decline for nearly 27 years. But no early relaxation of monetary policy is expected.

Final cost-of-living figures for April, given by the Federal Statistics Office yesterday, showed a fall of 0.1 per cent in the index. Compared with April 1985, the cost of living was down by 0.2 per cent, the first 12-month decline since June, 1959.

W German prices fall for the first time in 27 years

The central council of the Bundesbank, at its fortnightly meeting yesterday, left monetary policy and interest rates unaltered. Herr Karl Otto Pohl, president of the Bundesbank, has resisted domestic and international pressure for Germany to lead a new round of international interest rate cuts.

The discount rate was lowered from 4 to 3.5 per cent on March 7, but the Lombard rate has remained at 5.5 per cent since August.

W German prices fall for the first time in 27 years

The Bundesbank's reluctance to reduce rates is unlikely to be materially affected by the good news on the cost of living. The German authorities argue that interest rates need to be held, for reasons of domestic monetary control, and in line with last month's revaluation of the mark within the European Monetary System.

The benefits of the April 6 EMS realignment continue to come through. The Belgian National Bank announced yesterday that it is to reduce bank rate from 8.75 per cent to 8.5 per cent from Monday.

MARKET SUMMARY table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, and GOLD.

CHANEL advertisement featuring a shaving foam can and a razor. Text includes 'GENTLEMAN'S SHAVING FOAM', 'CHANEL', and 'Entente cordiale FOR GENTLEMEN'.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including page numbers 27, 29, 186 and various small fragments.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares slid in early trading yesterday on concern over rising interest rates amid a large refunding by the US Treasury...

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AAPL, IBM, JPM) and their corresponding prices and changes.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Other Sterling Rates, and Dollar Spot Rates.

COMMODITIES

Table listing various commodities such as Gold, Silver, Copper, and their current market prices.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table detailing Euro Money Deposits, Gold prices, and other financial instruments.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Large table listing various investment trusts, their assets, and performance metrics.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Table showing interest rates for different Euro money deposit terms and currencies.

GOLD

Table listing gold prices in various currencies and forms.

EURO CURRENCY

Table detailing Euro currency exchange rates and related financial data.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian stock prices and market indicators.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts and their associated assets.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Extremely large table providing detailed information on various unit trusts, including their names, assets, and performance.

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TEMPUS

Harris Queensway eyes likely quarry

Harris Queensway is on the prowl once more. The rights issue announced yesterday opens the way to yet another acquisition. Sir Philip Harris, the chairman and chief executive, admitted he was watching Comer closely, and there are bound to be other opportunities.

particularity in the Debenhams outlets. Bad weather at the start of the year and high interest rates hampered growth. Trading in the out-of-town stores is now showing useful gains but it is not so buoyant on the high street.

Next two years, after which its involvement in the scheme is due to end. Last year, the trading loss tripled to £6.7 million, compared with £2.23 million, despite an increase in turnover from £22.76 million to £25.42 million.

The decline of the independent grocer has been a feature of the retailing scene for many years. Nurdin & Peacock, the cash and carry wholesale group has not found this an obstacle to growth, however.

Loss soars at Barker & Dobson

Barker & Dobson, the confectionery manufacturer based at Liverpool, reports higher losses for 1985 and is passing the dividend. An interim dividend of 0.1p was paid for 1984, but no final.

£72m cash call helps push shares into deeper gloom

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particularity Lloyds, which rose 15p at one stage, on unsubstantiated reports that Prudential had acquired a near-30 per cent holding. However, the mood quickly changed as Royal Bank of Scotland announced profits well below expectations.

quartermiles, with Commercial Union down 5p to 324p. Leading industrials weakened by 7p to 20p, including Beecham at 383p, BP 545p, Glaxo 925p, Grand Met 330p and ICI 934p.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RECENT ISSUES, and RIGHTS ISSUES. Lists various companies and their share prices.

RACS rescue hits profits at CWS

The Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) yesterday reported depressed profits following the absorption of south London's loss-making Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society (RACS) at the beginning of last year.

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Another optical fibre 'first' for Florida network

The first Plessey export high-speed optical fibre communications system is now in service for the United Telephone Company of Florida.



Ray Tink is minister of United Telephone Company of Florida, 'test-covers' his optical fibre system, with Ernest L. Jones, president of Stromberg-Carlson, watching.

'Friend or foe' system made far safer

A new Plessey who goes there' electronic test system has been ordered by the MoD. Called Plessey ALTF (Automatic Launch Test Facility) it will automatically check an aircraft's Identification Friend or Foe equipment before take off.

Office security

Plessey has launched two new electronic systems to make office telephones and facsimile machines far more confidential. The Plessey Voicelock 100 Secure Telephone uses an encryption device in a standard push-button type phone to scramble voice in digital form.

Plessey at Comms '86

An outstanding opportunity to see just how wide-reaching Plessey is in communications will be at a Stand F22/30 at Communications 86, to be held at the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham from May 13 to May 16.

smaller business, and in facsimile, voice messaging, video conferencing, payphones - plus a range of feature phones for home and office which include the ISDT deskphone that allows the executive to handle two telephone conversations plus digital data simultaneously.



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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Microfilms	Property	
2	Allied Irish	Banks/Discount	
3	Stand Secs	Property	
4	Allied Lyons	Breweries	
5	Utd Leasing	Electricals	
6	Portals	Industrials L-R	
7	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
8	Ranger	Oil	
9	Centroway	Finance/Land	
10	Br Aerospace	Motors/Aircraft	
11	Wilkes (James)	Industrials S-Z	
12	Hambro	Finance/Land	
13	Roaflex	Electricals	
14	Steelite Speakman	Chemicals/Pls	
15	Erth	Buildings/Roads	
16	Manchester Ship	Industrials L-R	
17	Rainers Jewellers	Draperies/Shoes	
18	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
19	Atwoods	Buildings/Roads	
20	Logica	Electricals	
21	Countryside	Buildings/Roads	
22	Ford Motor	Motors/Aircraft	
23	Isstock Johnson	Buildings/Roads	
24	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
25	Aberdeen Const	Buildings/Roads	
26	Waterford Glass	Electricals S-Z	
27	Alkerm	Finance/Land	
28	Coates (S)	Draperies/Shoes	
29	Campan	Leisure	
30	Bilton (PI)	Property	
31	Roscor	Industrials L-R	
32	Silentsight	Industrials S-Z	
33	Gerber Energy	Oil	
34	Hazelwood Foods	Foodst	
35	Samuelson Gp	Leisure	
36	Prichard Serv	Industrials L-R	
37	Cullens	Foodst	
38	Wholesale Fitting	Electricals	
39	ERF	Motors/Aircraft	
40	Redfern Glas	Industrials L-R	
41	Stretcher	Industrials S-Z	
42	RHP	Industrials L-R	
43	Prop Hlds	Property	
44	Times Newspapers Ltd	Daily Total	

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
100	100	100	100	0	0	100	100	100	100	0	0

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
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1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
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1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986	High	Low	Close	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Close	Chg	%
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Retreat continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 28. Dealings end May 9. Contango day May 12. Settlement day May 19.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

BREWERIES

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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FINANCE AND LAND

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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FOODS

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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CINEMAS AND TV

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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DRAPERY AND STORES

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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ELECTRICALS

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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INDUSTRIALS A-D

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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INDUSTRIALS E-K

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INDUSTRIALS L-R

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INDUSTRIALS S-Z

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%	1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	%
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Questions over new security

County Bank and Richard Ellis recently announced new form of security - tradeable equity in a single commercial property - is first and foremost a financial instrument.

Both agree that the new securities - to be called property income certificates - are financial vehicles which happen to apply to property giving the investor an asset-backed flow of income.

But there are questions about the need for and size of a new securities market trading in commercial property.

Arlington Securities to seek full listing

By Judith Huntley

Arlington Securities, the property company which specialises in developing business parks, will tomorrow unveil its intention of coming to the market for a full listing, capitalising the company at £50 million.

It will be followed to market in a few weeks by Bredero, the Dutch developer, which won a hard-fought battle to develop a £90 million office project in the heart of Hammersmith, West London.

Arlington may be called one of the growing band of property trading companies which has made its name in a relatively new area of the market.

The market now loves the so-called "merchant developer." The likes of London & Edinburgh Trust, Rosehaugh and Speyhawk all bear witness to that.

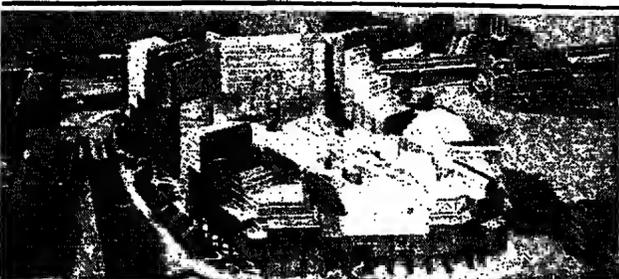
But the market may have more difficulty valuing a company like Bredero, which has successfully developed mixed retail and office schemes and is also involved in the residential market, through Bredero Homes, as indeed are Speyhawk and Rosehaugh.

Bredero is choosing to be a mix of trading and investment company because it believes this will give it the best of both worlds in the long term.

On one hand it will have profits growth from trading and on the other it should retain a high quality asset base from its investments.

There has been a re-structuring before the flotation. All the British property activities are now contained in Bredero Properties, the 100 per cent owned subsidiary of Venesig Bedrijven Bredero, the Dutch company quoted in Amsterdam.

The British companies were formerly owned by Bredero subsidiary of a Dutch company. It will open new doors for finance and offer a better management structure for the UK team.



This is a model of Bredero's most ambitious project to date, the £90 million Centre West office and retail development at Hammersmith, West London.

Phase one will have 90,000-sq ft of offices, a 46,000-sq ft shopping centre and the new transport interchange for London Regional Transport, which owns most of the island site.

Bredero, taking its stake below 50 per cent. But it will maintain a substantial shareholding as a long-term investment.

There have been additions to the Bredero board. Mr Michael Davies is the non-executive chairman and is chairman of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings).

It says that all its significant land holdings could be worth £800 million when developed.

Radical ways pay at Norwich Union

Norwich Union Insurance's views on 1985 make interesting reading for the property sector. The insurance company says once again that its good performance for its policy holders is attributable in no little measure to its heavy investment in property.

Last year Norwich Union invested £494 million in Britain, with £185 million going into property. Its radical approach to the sector resulted in 38 per cent of new investment money being put into property compared with 32 per cent in equities.

Most of its rivals in the institutional field have been reducing their investment in property, which averages about 15 to 20 per cent of their overall investment.

Mr David Barker, the chief investment manager, says: "Norwich Union is the biggest developer of retail property in the UK. But why are we so keen on putting money into property? Certainly we expect to get a high initial return from rents - more than 7 per cent from the property investments made in 1985."

"This is well ahead of yields we see quoted in the press and well ahead of the yield from ordinary shares. And we know it is not long before the growth in income from rents starts to overtake the yields from gilts."

Bentalls wanted to retain its department store on what is a prime site in the West London suburb of Kingston-upon-Thames. But CapCo argues that it would have been worth substantially more without the store, which is to form part of the £110 million redevelopment of the site being undertaken by Bentalls with Norwich Union Assurance.

CapCo was in the final running with Norwich Union to win the right to develop Bentalls' site but lost by a hair's breadth. Seising dissonance in the Bentalls family camp, which owns 57 per cent of the company, the developer tested the market by announcing that it might make an offer for the department store operator.

In the event, blood proved thicker than water and CapCo withdrew. Bentalls' shareholders will have to wait until 1989 to receive rental income accruing from the development.

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BAUER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT The Annual General Meeting of Bayer Aktiengesellschaft will be held on 18th June 1986 in Cologne. Payment of a Dividend of 20% for the year 1985 will be proposed.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing various bank base rates: ABN 10.50%, Adam & Company 10.50%, BCI 10.50%, etc.

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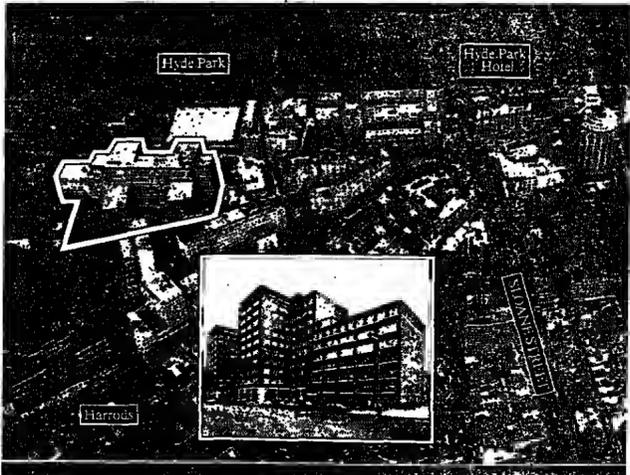
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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1986

SUMMARY OF KEY FIGURES (unaudited)	6 months ended 31.3.86	6 months ended 31.3.85	12 months ended 30.9.85
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£92.7m	£75.9m	£166.3m
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS	£55.3m	£42.1m	£94.8m
EARNINGS PER 25p ORDINARY SHARE	19.5p	17.1p*	35.7p
DIVIDEND PER 25p ORDINARY SHARE	4.0p	3.6p	9.6p

GROUP PROFIT

The directors of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc report the following results for the six months ended 31 March 1986:

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (unaudited)	6 months ended 31.3.86	6 months ended 31.3.85	12 months ended 30.9.85
OPERATING PROFIT	£m	£m	£m
The company and its subsidiaries	88.8	72.5	158.7
Share of profits of associated companies	3.9	3.4	7.6
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	92.7	75.9	166.3
Taxation [based on UK corporation tax at 37½ per cent. (1985 42½ per cent.)]	(37.0)	(33.5)	(71.6)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	55.7	42.4	94.7
Minority interests	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.1)
Preference dividends	55.4	42.2	94.8
PROFIT BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Extraordinary items	55.3	42.1	94.5
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS	55.3	42.1	94.8
Ordinary dividends	(11.4)	(10.2)	(27.2)
RETAINED PROFIT	43.9	31.9	67.6
EARNINGS PER 25p ORDINARY SHARE	19.5p	17.1p*	35.7p
DIVIDEND PER 25p ORDINARY SHARE	4.0p	3.6p	9.6p

SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	31.3.86	31.3.85	30.9.85
Assets	£m	£m	£m
Cash and short term funds	3,619.9	3,545.5	3,349.5
Investments	537.0	557.4	488.9
Advances and other accounts	10,309.8	10,434.1	10,884.7
Premises and equipment	14,466.7	14,537.1	14,524.1
Other assets	465.0	361.4	424.7
	88.8	73.3	82.3
	15,010.5	14,971.8	15,031.1
Liabilities			
Deposits and customers' current accounts	12,928.1	13,312.7	13,174.8
Notes in circulation	363.5	336.5	345.6
Other liabilities	333.1	326.7	289.0
Dated loan capital	13,623.7	13,875.9	13,908.4
Undated loan capital	223.7	269.8	338.1
Minority interests	2.8	3.0	2.8
Shareholders' funds	921.8	823.1	882.0
	15,010.5	14,971.8	15,031.1

ANALYSIS OF PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	6 months ended 31.3.86	6 months ended 31.3.85	12 months ended 30.9.85
THE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES	£m	£m	£m
Interest and investment income receivable	759.6	722.9	1,488.4
Interest payable	(548.7)	(540.7)	(1,108.2)
Net interest income	210.9	182.2	380.2
Other operating income	88.8	72.3	158.1
	299.2	254.5	538.3
Staff expenses	(110.5)	(83.0)	(203.4)
Premises and equipment expenses including depreciation	(36.6)	(31.4)	(66.4)
Other expenses	(38.9)	(31.8)	(74.4)
Bad and doubtful debts charge - specific	(185.9)	(156.2)	(342.2)
- general	(29.3)	(22.3)	(39.2)
	(215.2)	(178.5)	(381.4)
Profit on sales of premises	80.2	71.7	153.1
Profit on sales of investments	6.6	0.8	3.8
	86.8	72.5	156.7
SHARE OF PROFITS OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES	3.9	3.4	7.6
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	92.7	75.9	166.3
Operating profit of Charterhouse plc and its subsidiaries and associated company included in the above figures	13.4	1.5	9.8
Average base rate	11.8%	11.5%	11.8%
Average margin between base rate and retail deposit rate	3.6%	3.0%	3.1%

NOTE

Following a decision by the directors, household and long leasehold buildings are no longer depreciated as the fabric and appearance of these properties are maintained to the highest possible standard with the cost charged against operating profit. The effect on profits of this change is not material.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRE-TAX PROFIT

	6 months ended 31.3.86	6 months ended 31.3.85	12 months ended 30.9.85
Domestic	35	33	48
International	12	21	23
Related services	33	25	28

The information given here does not comprise full accounts within the meaning of Section 254 of the Companies Act 1985. Full accounts for the year ended 30 September 1985 on which the auditors gave an unqualified report have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The unaudited profit before taxation for the six months ended 31 March 1986 amounted to £92.7 million, an increase of £16.8 million or 22.1 per cent. over the corresponding period last year. There has been a 14.0 per cent. increase in the earnings per ordinary share from 17.1p in 1985 to 19.5p.

The principal contributions to this increase came from higher net interest earnings of 15.8 per cent. and fee income ahead by 22.1 per cent. Offset against this was an increase in costs of 19.0 per cent. and a higher bad debt charge. Average base rate was 11.9 per cent. compared with 11.5 per cent. last year and the average margin between base rate and retail deposit rate went from 3.0 per cent. to 3.6 per cent.

One half of the increase in the charge for bad and doubtful debts flows from the accounts of subsidiary companies recently acquired. The increase of 12 per cent. in this charge for the Clearing Bank is, nevertheless, disappointing and reflects continuing problems encountered particularly by the oil service and shipping industries.

This is the first time that we have fully consolidated the operating profit figures of Charterhouse plc (formerly The Charterhouse Group plc) and whilst this has increased our overall costs it is pleasing to report a substantial contribution to profits from this source. Comparative figures have been adjusted accordingly.

On 30 October 1985, the company issued US\$350 million undated primary capital floating rate notes on a perpetual basis to strengthen its capital base and to redeem US\$150 million of dated subordinated loan capital.

The directors have declared half year dividends on the 11 per cent. and 5½ per cent. cumulative preference shares at the rate of 3.85 per cent. and 1.925 per cent. respectively. These dividends will be paid on 30 May 1986 to those preference shareholders registered on 9 May 1986. The directors have declared an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the year to 30 September 1986 of 4.0p per share compared with 3.6p per share in 1985. This interim dividend will be paid on 1 July 1986 to those ordinary shareholders registered on 30 May 1986.

Chairman's Comments

On this, the first occasion on which we announce our profits since the merger of our clearing bank operations in September 1985, I am pleased to report that a further substantial increase has been achieved. This is heartening and tangible evidence of the success of our merger policy and we shall continue to pursue vigorously our dual objectives of expanding the range of our services and of creating a structure that will enable us to provide these services in a form that our customers require.

Examples of developments in the last six months which demonstrate this policy have been the introduction of the Complete Pension Scheme by The Royal Bank of Scotland and the announcement, in February 1986, of our intention to form a new, specialised subsidiary company to offer a full range of debt factoring services.

A further significant step in the development of the Group's securities and investment management services has been the recent acquisition by our merchant banking subsidiary, Charterhouse plc, of Tilney & Co, the major Liverpool-based stockbroking firm.

The immediate future will result in many fundamental changes in the structure of the financial services industry and we intend to build on the operating strengths derived from the merger and subsequent developments to ensure the future prosperity of the Group.

Michael Herries
Chairman

A copy of the Interim Statement is available from the Secretary, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB.

New powers could be delayed, warns home loans chief

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Roy Cox, chairman of the Building Societies Association, warned yesterday that there was a 50-50 chance that the passage of the Building Societies Bill would be delayed for four or five months after January 1 1987, when it is scheduled to come into force.

He told the association's annual conference at Bournemouth the delay would put building societies at a serious competitive disadvantage in certain areas.

He said: "Some markets are changing so quickly that building societies are in danger of missing the boat if the legislation is delayed."

He named estate agency, money transmission services, housing and personal pensions as areas where it was essential for societies to receive new powers as soon as possible.

The main reason for the possible delay is the congestion of legislation in the Lords, which means the Bill will not receive its second reading there until the middle of next month. Mr Mark Boleat, deputy secretary general of the BSA, said if procedures in the Lords took a significant time the Bill would not receive Royal Assent before the summer recess.

A Treasury spokesman said this was vital for a January 1 implementation of the Bill because of the formal structures, which the new Building Societies Commission will have to implement under the legislation.

Mr Cox dismissed new competition in the mortgage market but advised societies

not to abandon prudent lending policies.

He said: "One hears talk of new entrants in the market, including the National Home Loans Corporation, the Household Funding Corporation, the Mortgage Corporation and the Household Mortgage Corporation, as well as the Prudential insurance company, Citibank and many others. It is difficult to obtain definite figures but I would be surprised if between them these institutions lend £2 billion gross this year and the figure is more likely to be nearer to £1 billion."

"At most, the banks will make gross loans of about £5 million. But societies, he forecast, will make gross loans of about £30 billion this year, leaving them with between 75 and 80 per cent of the market - "a very healthy share".

He confirmed a record £3 billion worth of mortgage commitments by the societies last month.

On the question of the Financial Services Bill, Mr Cox said the BSA had made unsuccessful overtures to the Committee of London and Scottish Banks to form a single self-regulatory organisation (SRO) with the banks.

The idea, that there should be one SRO adapted to the needs of multi-branch organisations which provided financial services, was rejected by the committee.

The BSA has also held talks with Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the new City watchdog, the Securities and Investment Board, over the possibility of a single SRO for building societies. Mr Cox

said Sir Kenneth "was saying no slowly" although the position may be different if building societies were given fund management powers in relation to personal pensions.

The BSA also had preliminary talks with NASDIM and EUTRO (the Life and Unit Trust Intermediaries Regulatory Organisation). Mr Richard Weir, secretary general of the BSA, said formal discussions with the two bodies, which are due to merge into a single SRO, would take place shortly.

Mr Cox also revealed that the BSA has proposed a code of practice to the government relating to the sale of mortgages.

This code would basically provide that existing loans could not be sold except in exceptional circumstances and that new loans capable of being sold should be clearly classified as being such when the loan is made and the borrower is required to agree specifically to the loan being of that nature," he said.

APPOINTMENTS

● THOMAS FRENCH: The company has sold its subsidiary, Lillies Narrow Fabrics, based in Derby, to Marling Industries, for about £50,000.

● DAWSON INTERNATIONAL: The Glasgow (Glasgow) subsidiary has announced plans for expansion costing £1.25 million. Over the next five years, this investment will add 50 per cent to capacity and involve expansion at the company's locations in Hawick and Arbroath in Scotland. Glenmax is a manufacturer of luxury knitwear.

● J D Kingsfield: Mr Anthony Burns and Mr Robert O'Dell have joined the board. Mr Alan Stewart, Mr John Quincey and Mr Christopher White have been named as associate directors.

● Turriff Joining: Mr John L Wyatt joins the board as chief executive.

APPOINTMENTS

Albany Life Assurance Co: Mr M J B Kerr and Mr E G T Merry have joined the board.

Moorgate Group: Mr John Allison, Mr Alan Chiswick, Mr Philip McVean and Mr Alan Carey have been made directors.

Ocean Transport & Trading: Mr C D St Johnston has been named as deputy managing director.

National Girobank: Mr Stephen Anderson has become general manager for the north-west region.

Heron Corporation: Mr Colin Roberts has joined the board.

National Westminster Bank: Mr Robert Bishopp has been made a director of the eastern regional board.

Christian Salvator: Mr Allick Rankin has become a non-executive director.

Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale: Sir Philip Hadow-Cave, Mr R T Fox, Mr D A E R Peake and Lord Bledley have been appointed directors.

Dobson Park Industries: Dr Gordon Marshall has become a non-executive director.

Racal Energy Resources: Mr Phil Pemberton becomes production director of Racal Positioning Systems, and Mr Malcolm Frostwood technical director of Racal Survey.

Beazer Leach: Mr Bob Robinson has become chairman of the Midlands region and an executive director of Beazer Homes, the house building division of C H Beazer (Holdings).

Kingsfield Group: The new main board comprises Mr David Hawkins and Mr John Mackay (managing directors), Mr James Forth (operations director) and Mr Adrian Kerr (personal director).

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COMPANY NEWS

● SILENTNIGHT HOLDINGS: Year to Feb. 1, 1986. Total dividend 1p (2.75p). Turnover £71.29 million (£79.78 million). Pretax profit £270,000 (£2.23 million). Earnings per share 0.56p (6.29p). The board explains that the results were affected by the strike last year at Silentnight Beds, but the second-half improvement more than made good the first-half loss of £820,000.

● W A HOLDINGS: Dividend 0.1p (same) for Feb. 2, 1986, to maintain trustee status, payable on July 31. Turnover £8.74 million (£10.18 million). Pretax profit £30,000 (loss £170,000). Earnings per share 0.14p (loss 2.02p).

● ROTAFLEX: Essex Lighting has now posted its offer document to Rotaflex shareholders. But the board of Rotaflex is advising shareholders to reject the offer. It will shortly be writing to them, giving its reasons.

● UNITED FRIENDLY INSURANCE: Final dividend of 12.1p (10p), making 17.2p (14.6p) payable on May 22, for 1985. Pretax profit £9.6 million (£6.8 million). Earnings per share rose to 36.1p (28.5p).

● THIRD MILE INVESTMENT: Total dividend for 1985 2.2p (1.9p). Turnover £1.62 million (£307,000). Pretax profit £242,500 (£179,000). Earnings per share 9p (6.8p).

● CENTREWAY TRUST: No dividend (nil) for interim dividend £2.55 million (£2.56 million). Profit on ordinary activities before tax £80,000 (loss £133,000). Loss per share 4.2p (6.3p).

● MOLYNX HOLDINGS: Dividend 1.5p (1p) for 1985. Turnover £2.03 million (£1.8 million). Pretax profit £243,178 (£121,616). Earnings per share 8.5p (4.52p).

● FREEMANS: Mr J C Broome, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that there is a favourable outlook for mail order this year. Continuing growth in the number of agents and in sales per agent will mean improving results, although the cold wet spring affected the start of the year.

● APV HOLDINGS: The board is strongly advising shareholders to reject Siebe's bid and it is confident that they will find the company's reasons for this compelling.

● HIGH GOSPORTE PARK: Dividend of 15p (15p), plus a special bonus of 5p for 1985. Turnover slipped to £536,906 (£643,945), but profit before tax soared to £82,449 (£35,185).

● WINTERBOTTOM ENERGY TRUST: Net asset value (unaudited) per ordinary share totalled 118.4p after deduction of prior charges at per and 120.5p after deduction of prior charges at market value.

● TRANS-NATAL COAL: Results for the quarter to March 31

1986. No interim dividend (same). Pretax profit £184,913 (£170,315). Earnings per share 3.49p (3.04p).

● BARRACK MINES: The company reports a 31 per cent increase in net profits to Aus\$949,000 (£443,457) for the six months to December 31.

● METRAMAR MINERALS: Net operating loss rose to Aus\$29,000 (£434,112), against Aus\$654,000 for 1985.

● ENERGY RESOURCE SERVICE: The net asset value at April 30 stood at \$7.43 or 47p per share.

● RONALD MARTIN GROUP: Mr Martin Abramson, the chairman, says in his annual report that the first three months of the current year have started on budget and he expects the group to continue its progress.

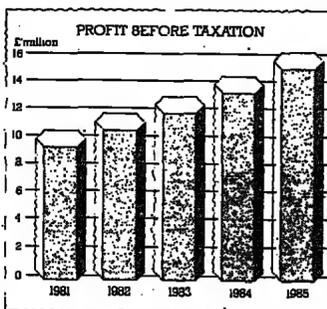
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- Current year commenced with order book comparable to recent years and encouraging volume of enquiries for future work.



Summary of Results

	1985	1984
Turnover	432,622	382,769
Value Added	217,680	201,439
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	16,061	14,245
Profit attributable to shareholders	9,500	6,914
Shareholders' funds	81,655	48,862
Dividends per share (net)	4.5p	3.9375p
Earnings per share	13.28p	10.11p

The Summary of Results shown above is an abridged version of the audited accounts which have been, and will be, filed with the Registrar of Companies. The Auditors reports are unqualified.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in London on Friday, 30th May, 1986.

Copies of the Annual Report 1985, containing the Chairman's Statement in full and a Review of the Year, may be obtained from the Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

May 8, 1986

The West has taken quite a battering during the past two decades. The old empires have seen themselves surpassed in the market-place by the Far East. But the tide is now on the turn. The old, anti-industrial attitudes of empires in decline are being reversed.

Industrial relations problems and spiralling wages are now reaching the East, where they still have to catch up with the West when it comes to balancing the political powers of employers and the employed. Countries which become rich on sweat labour have to go through painful times before fair shares are arrived at.

In the West we have been through our pain barrier. The deadwood has been cut away and our business communities are bristling with tightly run, profitable and expanding companies. The harsh school of recession has thrown up a generation of new managers who know how to lead, how to work and how to win.

The evidence is all around us. John Egan has worked miracles at Jaguar, the management team at British Airways has succeeded in rekindling morale from the merest ashes bringing the company back to the forefront of its industry. In the high street Lords Sieff and Rayner, Ralph Halpern, Terence Conran and a host of less famous names are building success upon success.

Behind these famous "shop

window" successes, however, lie thousands of equally dramatic stories in less glamorous industries. Peter Bullock, for instance, was brought into James Neill Holdings to rescue Neill Tool after turning round Flymo for Electrolux. The company, beleaguered by every marketing, management and production problem imaginable, was losing £3.5 million a year. Just by tightening up the leadership Bullock multiplied the share price by five, and the company recently took over Spear and Jackson.

Bullock is typical of the new sort of manager who sets his goals and will not be deviated. He spends money on training and motivating people and it pays off.

Colt International, where the spontaneous "We're Backing Britain" movement started a few years ago, is now under the dynamic new leadership of Martin Wylie. He has steered the company successfully through the recent depression in particularly difficult market conditions.

Now we must harness this new energy and move forward to win back the world markets we have lost during the last generation. To do that we need to spread enthusiasm and optimism throughout industry. Contrary to popular belief people are not motivated by money. Once they have what they believe to be a fair rate for the job, they need other things to inspire them to greater efforts.

All people have ideas on how their companies could be more

The West will win on the industrial front, says Nick Thornely, thanks to the new breed of managers who know how to lead



efficient, but they are not encouraged to voice them. Management simply has to give them permission to speak, finding the keys to release the ideas and turn them into positive suggestions.

Any company which has run a suggestion scheme — and most sizeable ones have — will tell you that only about 5 per cent of people bother actually to put forward their ideas, even if there is a prospect of considerable financial reward dangled in front of them. They will spout on about what is wrong with their job in the pub, and grumble to the family at home, but will not make any effort to change things at the place of work.

In order to get the best from any workforce, management must make sure they feel involved in the whole company, its hopes and its plans. People need to feel proud of their jobs and their employers. Pride is an enormous source of

scheme called Quid Each Day, which sets out as its initial target a saving of £1 every day for every employee. It may not sound like much, but if you have a workforce of thousands it soon adds up. It also acts as a foundation for a change of attitudes, and eventual savings can escalate fantastically once everyone is working along the right lines, aiming at the same goals and enjoying the challenge.

To feel good about their work people always need to face challenges, but they must be carefully planned and attainable — nothing is more depressing than failing to meet a challenge. Performance can also be improved by setting people realistic deadlines. If you give someone forever to solve a problem that is exactly how long he or she will take.

Many jobs can become repetitive and dull, but it is possible to keep people thinking and questioning and laughing with imaginative schemes. Laughter is one of the great untapped sources of energy in Britain. Happy people feel better, and work better.

The secret for building all these incentives into your management style is to have a structured scheme running throughout the company, and including all the motivating factors. The results can be stunning.

The new breed of managers has realized that although technology has an important role to play in their future success, people are still the most valuable commodity any employer has.

All employers know how expensive recruiting, training and employing people is, but have they worked out the potential rewards of using people properly? The financial managers have always worked out exactly how best to utilize their buildings and their capital equipment, yet they seldom sit down and work out the cost of badly managed workers. They talk about "increasing productivity" as an abstract goal, without taking the time and trouble to sit down and work out exactly how to motivate people to achieve it.

It is no good achieving short-term financial goals by laying people off, or by offering others more money to stay. The human being needs more than that to stimulate him throughout a career of up to half a century. To improve people's work attitudes you have to improve their quality of life.

One-off, half-hearted incentive schemes to boost sales or increase production can only ever produce short-term results, and will only ever motivate a small percentage of people. To motivate the majority you have to become involved with their lives and their feelings, their hopes and their aspirations. It takes a lot of management time and effort and is not a route for the lazy boss, but the returns are incalculable.

The only sure way of failing to

take full advantage of our new found strength is to surrender to negative thinking. It is not hard to find voices bemoaning our continued decline and problems. The media can always turn up examples of industrial strife, boardroom corruption, overmanning, inefficiency, greed and all the other deadly sins. It is vital that we do not come to believe that this is the whole picture.

For every example of management or union abuse of power there are a hundred companies full of hard-working, conscientious individuals. The good news does not make interesting reading, and if a company wants to broadcast its success story it will have to blow its own trumpet very loudly to be heard above the moanings and gnashings of teeth.

Industry Year is a brilliant start to our newly reformed position, as is the recent boom in company magazines and trade journals which take positive views of what is going on around them.

We are a nation of massive potential strength — now is the time to grasp the nettle firmly. Once a renaissance is under way it spirals upwards under its own steam. Nothing boosts morale like winning, and small victories can be nurtured into immense triumphs. We are now all set to get back on top. It simply remains for us to do it.

Nick Thornely is managing director of Industrial Motivation, a firm of incentive scheme organizers

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DIRECTOR

Consumers' Association

Consumers' Association, a membership organization with 800,000 subscribers, is seeking a Director to succeed Peter Goldman, who leaves next year. The Director is responsible for managing a business with an annual turnover of over £25m and a staff of some 400, and for the campaigning activities of the Association.

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- Candidates must have:
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 - a commitment to campaign on behalf of all consumers
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 - excellent communications skills
 - political awareness

Those who wish to be considered or who wish to nominate a candidate should write, enclosing a curriculum vitae, to the management consultants who are advising the Association:

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With an increase in the financial earning power and status of blue collar work, interest in these jobs is growing fast. Godfrey Golzen looks at a variety of the options

capital to get started as a goldsmith and that the tools can last a lifetime. Nevertheless the failure rate among makers is very high. "It's extremely difficult to estimate costs on an elaborate piece until you have some experience of how much time something like that is going to take."

The plumber's job is acquiring a new status when he set up on his own as a general handyman in 1980. His starting costs were quite modest. "I had quite a lot of tools already and I bought a circular saw - you need to be able to work quickly if you're doing this sort of thing commercially."

That was certainly true for the gold and silversmith Ernest Blythe. When the lease on the Shepherd's Market premises that he shared with his partner Frances Beck ran out, they simply moved to Buckingham, where they bought and renovated an old pub. They now work in what used to be the cellar. "It provides the two things you most need in our craft. Security and lots of room," he says.

For the financially secure motivation can be a problem if you're financially secure and also have other responsibilities - it's a middle class dilemma, in fact. She oow thinks they tried to do too much, too quickly. They tried to be designers, manufacturers and retailers and in the process got involved in aspects of business they didn't know enough about.

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Amateur league's pioneers show professional touch

Early next week the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) will announce the names of the 10 teams who will make history this season by forming the first national amateur rugby league, a further stride forward by the burgeoning amateur game.

A total of 29 clubs applied to join the new league, the Barrow applications. Others have come from famous amateur sides in Cumbria, Humberside, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside and Yorkshire. There is one application that demonstrates the growth of the game in the South, South London, one of the surprise teams of the BARLA Cup competition, putting in a surprise application which deserves admiration for audacity.

The rules and regulations which will control and guide the 10 teams are drawn to the point of being draconian. There is no doubt that only clubs meeting the high standards will be chosen, and the two bottom clubs will have to apply for re-election each season, and face a challenge from ambitious outsiders.

The national administrator of BARLA, Maurice Oldroyd, says: "The successful clubs will have had to state their playing achievements, prove their financial stability and have their ground facilities and players rigorously inspected by a five-man National League sub-committee. We are determined to have the best standards at every conceivable level."

Each team will be awarded an 11-point charter of privileges is required, and one of the regulations emphasizes BARLA's sharp publicity sense. Club secretaries are ordered to telephone the final scores to their home newspapers and to appropriate newspapers and broadcasting media within 15 minutes of the end of the game, and any club defaulting will be fined £50. The officials of the away team will have the responsibility of getting in touch with the club secretary.

The professional approach to this top amateur league is also apparent in the insistence that teams must produce a presentable programme for their home games. Clubs failing to do this will be fined £250. There will be a limit of three former professionals on each club's register and no permit players will be allowed.

Oldroyd says: "This is a first in many clubs will have to be disappointed this first round, but with two re-election places every season, clubs will have an annual opportunity to prove themselves and gain entry."

Rugby League watchers are eagerly watching this development. Most certainly some of the top amateur clubs in the National League will attract bigger games than many second division professional clubs. With the Rugby Football Union prepared to renege on the free gateway between the codes, and the new Super League about to become a reality, these are heavily booked days for the professional game. In 1973, with its appropriate newspapers and broadcasting media within 15 minutes of the end of the game, and any club defaulting will be fined £50. The officials of the away team will have the responsibility of getting in touch with the club secretary.

JUDO

McSorley ready for big chance
 From Philip Nickson
 Belgrade

The extent to which London has lost its traditional role as producer of the British judo fighters can be seen in the composition of the British team competing in the men's European championships which start here today and run until Sunday. Not one member comes from the capital.

In fact, of the seven men in the team no less than four come from the Midlands club - Mac Abbot's Wolverhampton Judo Club - while two are produced by Tony McConnell's Judo Centre in the Lake District.

Of course this will be a slightly odd event from the British point of view for it is the first time for a decade that the British team has not included Neil Adams, the Olympic silver medal winner. After his defeat at the British open he remains at the club, decided over his speculative future and did not ask to be included in the team for the 1986 European championships.

In his place is the 21-year-old Scot, Martin McSorley, who at last has an opportunity to compete in a major international event. He is a national amateur fiddle to Adams for so long - despite reasonable success on the international circuit.

"I know that this is my chance to show what I can do," said

FOOTBALL

Wimbledon are hoping for third time lucky

RACING

Harrington appeal sad news for Barton

The result of the Newton Williams Handicap Chase, run at Hereford on Easter Monday, was changed for a second time yesterday after the jockey Mark Harrington won his objection against the winner, Castle Warden.

TENNIS Rain keeps Lendl and Lloyd waiting

New York - Heavy rain halted the final first-round match in the Tournament of Champions after the top-seed, John Lendl, had raced to a 6-3, 6-4 lead over Italy's Francesco Panzani.

Smart Shadari set for triumphant return in Ormonde Stakes

Shadari, the good four-year-old that Michael Stoute trains for the Aga Khan, looks poised to pick up the Ormonde EBF Stakes at Chester today on his seasonal debut.

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

win on Tuesday, lies with High Tension, who is my nap to win the Epsom Handicap. After High Tension had worked really well on the Round gallop on the Limekilns last Friday his trainer, Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, said "I think that you will find that he is a much improved horse this season."

won the 2,000 and Mashkour the White Rose Stakes at Ascot. So the form looks gilt edged. It is also pertinent to point out that when he won the Haydock Dress Mill race in October Faraway Dancer had a lead five lengths behind in second place.

Cook steps out for third Cup

Western Dancer provided Paul Cook with his third Chester Cup success yesterday when he landed the five-year-old a game short-hand winner from a field of 12.

was taken back by beaten horses in the straight. "We don't regret the 5lb overweight that Philip put on. He has ridden for us before, and we especially wanted an experienced professional."

Kals Al-Said and Yasser Ididi, owners of the beaten favourite One Liner in the opening Red Dragon Maiden Stakes, also provided the favourite, Comme L'Étoile, for the Chester Regiments Handicap. This time they were successful with the Jeremy Hindley-trained colt romping home to a five lengths victory.

CHESTER

Going: good to soft. Draw: low numbers best. 2.15 EBF SCEPTRE MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O £3,050 5f) (6 runners)

SALISBURY

Going: soft. Draw: high numbers best, low may be favoured on soft. 1.30 WINCANTON MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1 3-Y-O £2,364; 1m 2) (14 runners)

3.0 REDENHAM MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O £2,364; 5f) (10)

1. BALLANTRAE R Wootton 8-11 G Brown 4 2. BLUE TANGUO D Lang 8-11 G Whitworth 11

Chester selections

2.15 Verman Bay, 2.45 HIGH TENSION (nap), 3.15 Shadari, 3.45 Faraway Dancer, 4.15 PERION (nap), 4.45 My Kind Of Town.

Salisbury selections

1.30 Mito, 2.0 Problem Child, 2.30 FORTAUSSAC, 3.0 Wabarab, 3.30 Sparsholt, 4.0 Beniza Ryder, 4.30 Folk Dance, 5.0 Bushido.

3.30 EDDIE REAVEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (£1,014; 5f) (11)

1. BROTHER P Hayes 8-4 N Howe 11 2. GREY WOLF TRIP R Harrison 8-4 T James 11

Cheltenham

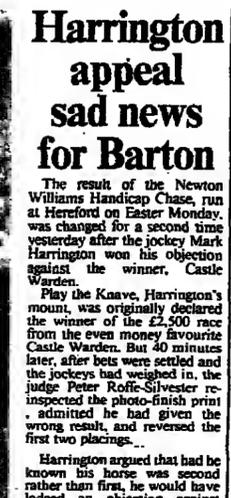
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Gesedeh goes straight to Epsom

Gesedeh, second favourite for the Oaks, will not run again before the Epsom classic but is likely to have a private gallop at Yarmouth tomorrow. Plans for the filly were outlined by her trainer Michael Jarvis at Salisbury yesterday after she saddled Ambrosini to win the Horserace Betting Levy Board Apprentice Handicap.

Point-to-point results

Blurred first time. SALISBURY: 2.30 Beta Win, 4.30 Gamma Bala.



Western Dancer (right) holding Pearl Run's late Chester Cup challenge

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Cheltenham Pradier on trial at Longchamp

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Giant task too big for Felgate

Jonathan Southcombe, a 6ft 7in, 20-year-old from Torquay, claimed his 15th British victim in a six-week spell, when he beat the Essex jockey, David Felgate, in the opening round of the Lawn Tennis Association's Spring Circuit tournament at Bournemouth yesterday.

90 and still going strong

Kathleen Godfree celebrated her 90th birthday yesterday as guest of honour at a luncheon given by the All England Tennis Club at Wimbledon. Known as Biddy to close friends and Kitty by an admiring public, she was the finest woman all-round games player in her prime.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Second division Bradford v Wimbledon. BRADFORD: Brian Lister, 10; Peter Jones, 11; Steve Gash, 12; Alan Hogg, 13; Alan Hogg, 14; Alan Hogg, 15; Alan Hogg, 16; Alan Hogg, 17; Alan Hogg, 18; Alan Hogg, 19; Alan Hogg, 20.

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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

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- 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank...

TV-AM

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain. 6.30 News at 6.30.

ITV LONDON

- 9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: a visit to a farm museum...

BBC 2

- 6.55 Open University: Social Sciences - Sociology. 6.00 Ceefax.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.15 Thrill Landships' House. A collection of last year's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords...

Radio 4

- On long wave. VHF variations at end of Radio 4. 5.55 am Shipping. 6.00 News.

Radio 3

- On medium wave. VHF variations at end of Radio 3. 5.55 am Shipping. 6.00 News.

Radio 2

On medium wave. See Radio 1 for VHF variations. News on the hour. Headlines 10.30am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm.

Radio 1

5.30am Adrian Jany 7.00 Mike Smith (from Montserrat). 7.30am News.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- BBC1 WALES: 6.00-6.05 Gardening Together. 6.10-6.15 News.

ENTERTAINMENTS

- CONCERTS: BARBICAN 6.00-6.30 (6.00-6.30). 7.00-7.30 (6.30-7.00).

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High security for Robson's flight of hope

Tight security surrounded the England World Cup squad when they flew out of Gatwick yesterday en route to Colorado where they will undergo altitude training in preparation for the cauldron of Mexico.

Following recent terrorist outrages, no risks were being taken. The players and officials were driven by coach through to a special area beyond passport control and not allowed to walk through the airport terminal. A Gatwick security officer said: "I have not seen anything like it before."

England's manager, Bobby Robson, said before the party's departure that they were determined not to let anybody down. He said: "The supporters want us to do well, and I think they are expecting us to do well."

"It won't be easy. It's a big mission, a difficult mission, but we won't be found lacking in application or determination. We know what's at stake and we know we are representing the country."

Robson will be hoping that the scenes which greeted the Argentinians on their arrival in Mexico City yesterday are not repeated when England touch down there for the finals, which begin on May 31. Angry words and punches were exchanged between football officials and reporters covering the former world champions' arrival.

Real keep hold of their cup

West Berlin (Reuter) - Real Madrid retained the UEFA Cup on Tuesday night, the eighth time they have won a European trophy, despite Cologne's valiant effort to make up a 5-1 deficit from the first leg. The West Germans, who were forced to play their home leg at least 350 kilometres (220 miles) from their stadium because of violence by their supporters at their semi-final in Belgium, won 2-0. Real won 5-3 on aggregate.

Cologne attacked constantly and were rewarded with goals from Bein in the 23rd minute, and Getzenkirchen in the 72nd. But they ran up against stubborn Spanish resistance, and found Agustin, the Real goalkeeper, outstanding. Real's only threatening attempt at goal was from Gardillo who hit the bar. The club have won the European Cup six times and have now taken the UEFA Cup two years running. They will not go for a treble, having earned a place in the European Cup

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The healing

Seville, Spain (Reuter) - Liverpool and Juventus supporters were brought together in an emotional reconciliation here yesterday, one year after the European Cup final in Brussels where 39 died.

The Mayor of Seville, who presided over the ceremony in which delegations exchanged gifts. "This is a moment to remember the victims and to begin rebuilding our friendship," Liverpool's Mayor, Hugh Dalton, said. "As teams, Liverpool and Juventus were innocent: the clubs were disgraced by a few supporters," Giorgio Cardetti, the Mayor of Turin, replied. Despite being stabbed at the Heysel stadium, 22-year-old Steven Jackson said the tragedy had not destroyed his love of football. "We want to be good ambassadors for our club," he said.

Newsmen blamed the officials for the chaos, saying they failed to issue enough passes for a Press conference which eventually had to be abandoned.

The trouble has fuelled criticism in the capital that the Mexicans are ill-prepared to handle one of the world's major sporting showpieces. The Argentinian captain, Diego Maradona, was jostled by a crowd of onlookers who

reached out to touch him. When police pushed them back they became angry and began chanting "Hugo, Hugo, Hugo", a reference to the Mexican forward, Hugo Sanchez, currently playing with Real Madrid and the leading scorer in Spain.

The independent Radio Red station said such nationalist outbursts were examples of poor sportsmanship. It said it hoped Mexican supporters would show greater hospitality when other teams arrived.

The leading daily sports newspaper, *Ovaciones*, echoed the sentiment in an editorial: "Mexico is an example of disorganisation simply because nobody bothered to organise the reception of the Argentine players."

After being escorted to buses by a strong contingent of police, the players were taken to a nearby hotel where they enjoyed a traditional Argentinian breakfast of wine and beef and spoke to reporters who managed to slip through the security cordon.

Their manager, Carlos Bilardo, said the squad would spend the remainder of the day resting after their ordeal. He said they would move into lodgings at the America Football Club's sporting complex today.

Argentina will play the World Cup holders, Italy, Bulgaria and South Korea in Group A first round matches

Players who failed to reach Mexico

Tony Morley and Bobby Robson stood side by side when England's new manager set out for Mexico four years ago. Robson is now within sight of his destination - the squad flew out yesterday - but somewhere along the way Morley got diverted on to the road to Hong Kong.

Morley, a winger who played in Robson's first match in charge, a 3-2 European Championship draw to Denmark, is playing for Seiko after an unhappy £150,000 move from Aston Villa to West Bromwich Albion three years ago. Osman, Rix, Mariner, Armstrong and Clemence have all long since disappeared from the international scene, too, after being in that original Robson squad.

Ironically, having left Ipswich Town in an attempt to restore his England standing, Osman could not regain his place after a £200,000 move to Leicester City in the summer.

Robson tried 61 players in his 42 games over the past four years and a glance at the early squads is like a trip down

memory lane. He immediately discarded Keegan, Mills and McDermott, but Neal (now player-manager at Bolton Wanderers and hoping for one more Wembley appearance in the Freight Rover Trophy final), Thompson, Coppell and Mariner were briefly retained.

Gregory (Queen's Park Rangers), Lee (Liverpool), Devonshire (West Ham United), Blissett (Watford) and Duxbury (Manchester United) were others tried.

England's first World Cup qualifying match saw the introduction of Tottenham Hotspur's utility man, Gary Stevens, but it was not until the sixth of the eight qualifying matches that his Everton full back namesake joined the World Cup trail.

Aston Villa's midfield player, Hodge, is the most recent recruit for Mexico, leaving earlier contenders, such as Williams (Arsenal), Mabbutt (Tottenham) and Hunt (Aston Villa), to wonder what went wrong.

YACHTING

Cudmore will not defend title

By Barry Pickthall

Ten leading America's Cup skippers descend on Lynton next week to do battle for the Western Royal Lynton Cup, Britain's premier match-racing championship. Harold Cudmore, the man who has made this event all but his own in previous years, will not be there to defend the title he has won six times before.

Cudmore, who is skipper of Britain's America's Cup challenge and added the Congressional Cup earlier this year to the 10 previous international match race titles he has won, blames pressure of work in masterminding Britain's 12-metre hopes in Fremantle for not appearing this year.

In his place are Chris Law and Eddie Warden-Owen, the two leading helmsmen from the British challenge, and Lawrie Smith, who has been sailing with Kevin Farrel's Australian Task Force '87 Syndicate this winter, to uphold national honour against skippers from the United States, New Zealand, Italy and West Germany.

Another invited helmsman not taking part is Stefanie Robert, who has left the Aga Khan's *Azzurra* Syndicate. His place has now been taken by his fellow Italian, Lorenzo Bortolotti, who skippered *Azzurra* in the recent 12 metre world championship.

Middlesbrough's teenage midfielder player, Colin Cooper, has signed a new one-year contract. Cooper made his second division debut in March and played eight games in the club's unsuccessful fight to avoid relegation.



Robson and Robson: England's captain, Bryan (left), and manager Bobby at a reception before their departure for Mexico

Dunnett guaranteed seat on committee

Nineteen top Football League chairmen and directors are contesting the eight places on the League's new-look management committee. Only Jack Dunnett, the League president, is guaranteed his seat on the reformed committee. He is unopposed as the representative for the third and fourth divisions.

There are 10 contenders for the first division's four places and eight nominations for the second division's three seats. Ballot papers have been sent out and the results should be known on Tuesday.

The new committee will come to power after the League's annual general meeting in London on May 23, although a new president will be elected by the meeting.

The nominations are: First

division: David Dein (Arsenal), Doug Ellis (Aston Villa), Ken Bates (Chelsea), Phil Carter (Everton), John Smith (Luton), Ron Mackenzie (Newcastle), Maurice Roworth (Nottingham Forest), Bert McGee (Sheffield Wednesday), Irving Scholar (Tottenham), Geoff Smith (Watford). Second division: Bill Fox (Blackburn), Brian Redson (Brighton), Ron Noades (Crystal Palace), Chris Needler (Hull), Maxwell Holmes (Leeds), Ian Stott (Oldham), Derek Dooley (Sheff Wed United), Alan Evers (West Bromwich), Thad and Fred divisions: Jack Dunnett (Notts County).

Leicester City have dismissed Gerry Summers, aged 52, their coach, and are now looking for "a younger man" to

take over his duties and eventually succeed Gordon Milne, the club's present manager. The Filbert Street board want Milne to appoint a No. 2 to groom as his successor so he can ultimately become general manager.

The future of both Milne and Summers looked under threat as Leicester struggled to avoid relegation, but they secured their first division future with a win on the last Saturday of the season.

Terry Shipman, Leicester's chairman, said that a fresh approach was needed at the club and that Milne accepted this. Portsmouth's chief scout, Derek Healy, has become the first victim of the club's failure to reach the first division. After four years at Fratton Park Healy has been

told that his contract is not being renewed.

Gyorgy Mezei, Hungary's manager, has been forced to rule out three players from his squad preparing for the World Cup in Mexico. Tibor Nyilasi, an outstanding forward, has still not recovered from a back operation five weeks ago and his replacement, Andras Torocsik, has been ruled out because of an ankle injury.

Peter Hammich, a midfield player, who was recalled to the national side after a year's absence, is also injured and misses the finals. The squad is currently in a secluded training camp in the Austrian Alps, and they leave for Mexico on May 19.

GOLF

Made to measure for Davies

From John Hennessy, Chantilly

The Hennessy Cognac Cup, which starts today, has attracted the biggest field in the seven-year history of the Women's Professional Golf Association, a gathering of 104 players. The total, including six amateurs, would have been 105 had not the air attacks on Tripoli and Benghazi frightened off Patty Sheehan, the leading name from the United States.

The strength of the entry is hardly surprising, since the tournament's prize fund of £60,000 is also a record, with £9,000 going to the winner and at least £1,000 to the first 16 players in the final order on Sunday.

In the absence of Miss Sheehan, the lightweight falls on Laura Davies, the Surrey player, who took the WPGA tour by storm last year in her first season. More to the point, the French will recall the memorable fight and fright Miss Davies gave to Jan Stephenson, of Australia, last year's expensive importation, before surrendering in the last round.

The course, 6,303 yards long and wide open, is made to measure for Miss Davies, whose prodigious drives bring all five par fives into range, except perhaps the 527 yards 18th, and takes the bite out of the most testing par fours.

Yet the tournament will possibly be won on and around the expensive, undulating greens. A blazing streak with the putter can always cut the long hitters down to size.

A cosmopolitan tussle could be on the cards at the death, with the formidable French amateur champion, Marie-Laure de Taya, anxious to improve on her third place last year, with the gifted young Swede, Liselotte Neumann, already showing signs of burgeoning supremacy, and with Muriel Thomson, of Scotland, bubbling with confidence after her victory at Woburn last week.

CYCLING

Ampler triumphs in depleted field

Uwe Ampler, of East Germany, snatched a narrow victory in the first event as the Peace race got under way in Kiev yesterday, overshadowed by the disaster nearby at Chernobyl (Reuter, reports). Ampler, son of the 1963 Peace race winner, Klaus Ampler, took the 7km time trial by 0.22sec with a time of 8min 36.09sec.

Viktor Klimov, of the Soviet Union, winner of the 1984 race, was second, more than a second faster than Bulgaria's Nencho Staikov. The race was

held for the first time, although it had been threatened by the accident at the nuclear power station on April 26. Today's first stage of 138km goes through the streets of Kiev.

Soviet authorities insisted that the cyclists would not be in any danger from radiation, but nine teams decided to pull out, leaving only 10 countries. These were, in order of team standings after yesterday's trial: East Germany, Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland, France, Cuba,

Hungary, Mongolia and Syria. The field travel through parts of Poland and East Germany before finishing in Prague on May 22. Today's first stage of 138km goes through the streets of Kiev.

ALBACETE, Spain (Reuter) - Jon Egnatie, of Spain, won the 200km fifteenth stage of the Tour of Spain race yesterday, with a time of 4hr 39min 20sec. Sean Kelly, of Ireland, won the pack sprint to take second place, 26 seconds behind. Manuel Dominguez, of Spain, was third.

SPORT IN BRIEF

The Louis awards

Mrs Marva Louis, the wife of Joe Louis, and her son, Joe Louis Junior, will be the guests of honour at the World Boxing Council's dinner to commemorate the birthday of Joe Louis at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, on May 16 (Srikumar Sen writes).

Mrs Louis will present WBC awards to 13 British world champions: Jack Kid Berg, aged 77; Terry Allen, Terry Downes, Howard Winstone, Walter McGowan, Ken Buchanan, John Conteh, John Tracey, Jim Watt, Alan Minter, Maurice Hope, Charlie Magri and Dennis Andries. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the WBC Sports Medicine Foundation.

Shoot-out

Malcolm Cooper's closest rival has denied him the chance of repeating in Edinburgh, his six-medal haul at the last Commonwealth Games. The Olympic gold medal winner's place in the England prone rifle pairs has gone to his wife, Sarah, but he admitted: "I don't mind too much; Sarah deserves her place."

Nomination

Sir Robin Cater, the former Walker Cup golfer, has been nominated as captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, for 1986-87. Sir Robin, who retired in 1983 as chairman of the Distillers Company, played in the Walker Cup in 1955 and represented Scotland on five occasions.

Davis date

Warsaw (Reuter) - The Poland-Finland Davis Cup tennis tie, due to start here tomorrow but postponed because of fears of radiation leakage after the Chernobyl nuclear accident, will be played from May 23 to 25.

Curtain-raiser

Berne (Reuter) - A men's downhill in Las Lenas, Argentina, will usher in the World Cup Alpine skiing season this year for the second successive year. The opening race will be on August 9.

Seoul role

Seoul (Reuter) - The South Korean sports minister, Park Sae-jik, yesterday took over from Roh Tae-woo as head of the organising committee for the 1988 Olympics and Games. September's Asian Games.

Finalists give food for thought

DAVID MILLER

The appearance of two Eastern European clubs, Dynamo Kiev and Steaua of Bucharest, in the finals of the two major European tournaments - the first time there has been such an occasion in the same season - provides useful evidence for the International Olympic Committee in their attempts to counter the Soviet Union's anti-professionalism campaign. The impassioned plea against the curbing of professionalism into the Olympic Games by Manu Gramov at the recent meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees in Seoul, has, for the moment, embarrassed Juan Samaranch in his bid to rationalise the Games and check the alleged ideological principles which could give totalitarian countries total domination of the media.

In Seoul, Lance Cross, of New Zealand, and Charles Palmer, of Britain, spoke strongly in favour of an open Olympics and a removal of the hypocrisy of some officials who try to pretend that the competitors in the major Olympic sports are not full-time and for all practical purposes professional, whatever their nationality. The Steaua team playing in Seville, last night train, if anything, more regularly than the professionals of Spain, England, Italy and elsewhere: twice a day other than on match days.

Wrong move over tennis

Is the Kiev team any less professional than the Atletico Madrid side which they outplayed? Five members of the Steaua side were in Romania's last Olympic football team. As General Stolichev, Bulgaria's member of the IOC, has said, it is a nonsense to claim that today's top Olympians are amateurs.

The only difference between the United States and Soviet Union is in who provides the money which sustains the competitors. The NOCs in Seoul have done the Olympics a dis-service, which the IOC will be hard-pressed to reverse. The IOC need, in such circumstances, more effective public relations. What frightened the NOCs, of course, was the prospect of professional tennis. The usage of McCormack and McEnroe penetrates every sports official's consciousness. It was an unwise move for the IOC to welcome tennis back into the family. Without professional players tennis will stage an irrelevant Olympic competition.

Has Bobby Robson chosen the best option by taking his squad to the desolation of Satililo, 50 miles outside Monterrey, simply because it is at altitude? Those who have been there, and seen the lack of recreational opportunity, question the wisdom.

Pining for beer and home

It seems that Robson may have forgotten his own experience of 24 years ago when Walter Winterbottom took England to a mountain resort at Coys, outside Rancagua in Chile. The English mining company put every possible facility at the team's disposal yet in less than a week there were half a dozen malcontents pining for beer and skittles and home.

Bobby Charlton and Jimmy Armfield were scathing about the attitude of some of their colleagues towards the tournament in which more resolution might even have carried them past Brazil, the eventual winners. Short on ability, England are going to need any piece of incidental advantage they can find. An unbroken view of the distant Sierra Madre may eventually pall.

Perhaps Robson was worried about experiencing similar hostile crowd disturbance outside the hotel as Ramsey's squad had in the centre of Guadalajara in 1970. He could have learned more about this and other aspects of Mexico from the extensive knowledge of Sir Alf Ramsey. Strangely, Robson has put off several appointments with the former England manager. Sir Alf's knowledge has now been made available, willingly, to Alex Ferguson, instead.

My suggestion that there is a possibility, in three-day events, for riders to be exhorted by the sponsors of their horses beyond the point of discretion, has, predictably, caused some indignation. It caused some indignation, the risk sponsors recognize and have voluntarily rejected it, so much the better. Lucinda Green tells me that, with Regal Realm, unable to go to the world championships in Australia, her sponsor has not pressed her to enter Shanaght for a course that is "too hilly". So she won't go.